

**REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 14TH AUGUST 2006**  
**REPORT ON: RECONSTRUCTION OF A HOVERCRAFT TRAILER FOR DUNDEE AIRPORT**  
**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**REPORT NO.: 460-2006**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To request approval of a contract for the reconstruction of a hovercraft trailer for Dundee Airport.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That a contract be awarded to Keillor Coachbuilders of Arbroath for the reconstruction of a hovercraft trailer for Dundee Airport at a cost of £9,783.

**3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The cost of this work can be met from the Minor Works allocation with the Dundee Airport Capital Plan for 2006-07.

**4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 None.

**5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None.

**6 REPORT**

- 6.1 The Dundee Airport rescue hovercraft is conveyed to and from its launch ramp on a road trailer originally supplied by the hovercraft manufacturer. This trailer has operational shortcomings, and age/wear have also resulted in defects that require refurbishment and design changes. Design discussions with a specialist coachbuilder have resulted in a proposed solution which should produce substantial savings in maintenance cost and gains in operational efficiency. It is recommended that Keillor Coachbuilders of Arbroath should be directly awarded a contract for this work, because of the need for joint working with a contractor on design and implementation, because of the company's recognised expertise in the field of bespoke vehicle design and construction, and because it was the recent lowest tenderer for other equipment refurbishment work for the airport.

**7 CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Depute Chief Executive (Finance) have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

**8 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 None.

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