

REPORT TO: HOUSING, DUNDEE CONTRACT SERVICES & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE (24TH SEPTEMBER 2007)

REPORT ON: TENDER FOR UNDERTAKING VARIOUS TRAFFIC SURVEYS

REPORT BY: HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & TRADING STANDARDS

REPORT NO: 479-2007

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval from the committee to accept the tender from Count On Us Ltd, to undertake various traffic surveys which are necessary to successfully complete the next phase of the Review and Assessment of Air Quality in Dundee.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the committee agrees the content of this report and accepts the tender offer from Count On Us Ltd ,Glasgow to undertake the necessary traffic surveys.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost for undertaking the traffic surveys is £ 11,200

3.2 This expenditure can be met from the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Department's 2007/08 Revenue Budget.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 The Environment Act 1995 requires local authorities to periodically assess the air quality in their area. To facilitate air quality modelling in accordance with the statutory obligations under this Act the Council requires a number of traffic surveys to be undertaken.

4.2 Accordingly, tenders were sought for undertaking the necessary traffic surveys to the Environmental and Trading Standards Department's specification. On 2nd August 2007, letters inviting tenders were sent to:

Count On Us Ltd, Glasgow
P.M.A. Data Collection Ltd, Inverness
The Paul Castle Consultancy, Airdrie

4.3 Two tenders were received by the closing date on 31st August 2007, one of which did not fulfil the tender specification and therefore could not be evaluated.

4.4 In view of the above it is recommended that the contract be awarded to Count On Us Ltd.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-poverty and Equality Impact Assessment.

The major issues identified are:

5.1 Sustainability

5.1.1 The sustainability policy principles that are addressed in this Report are -

- ensure compliance with relevant environmental legislation and related policy guidance

5.1.2 The acceptance of the contents of this report will assist the council meet its statutory obligations in relation to the review and assessment of air quality within the city.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Chief Executive
Depute Chief Executive (Support Services)
Depute Chief Executive (Finance)
Head of Finance

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 **None**

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