

REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 24TH SEPTEMBER 2007

REPORT ON: PURCHASE OF A LIFERAFT FOR THE AIRPORT HOVERCRAFT

REPORT BY: THE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO: 484-2007

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To request approval for the letting of a contract to acquire a liferaft for the airport hovercraft.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That a contract should be let to Cosalt-Sea Dog, a subsidiary of Cosalt plc of Leith, Edinburgh, for the supply of an Aerolite 46 person liferaft at a cost of £5,400.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost will be met by a capital grant from the Scottish Executive.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 Reference is made to Article I of the Economic Development Committee of 25th June 2007 wherein the Committee approved the purchase of a small liferaft. The report noted that the purchase of a second, larger, liferaft was being deferred while Highlands and Islands Airports looked into the possibility that they might have a suitable raft of the required type that could be sent to Dundee. However it transpires that no such raft will be available from Highlands and Islands Airport stock and it is therefore necessary to request the purchase of a new raft to meet the requirement.

4.3 It is therefore requested that the Committee should now approve the purchase of a 46 person Aerolite raft, at a cost of £5,400.

4.2 Cosalt-Sea Dog is recommended as the sole supplier because of the specialised nature of this purchase.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty and Equality Impact Assessment.

5.2 There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Head of Finance.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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