

REPORT TO: RECESS SUB-COMMITTEE – 4 August 2003
REPORT ON: SMARTCARD CONSULTANCY TENDER
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION
REPORT NO: 545-2003

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report details tenders received for the Dundee Discovery Smartcard Scheme and requests a decision on acceptance thereof.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The appointment of ESP Systex is approved.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost of the consultancy appointment is £63,000 including expenses. The costs will be met from the Modernising Government Funding Smartcard budget. The Council received a grant of £953,000 from the Scottish Executive from the MGF2 for the smartcard project. The details of this budget was approved by the Policy and Resources Committee (Report No 842-2002) in December 2002.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The consultants will assist in consultation with Partners on the smartcard project and will specifically address the sustainability of the scheme.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The consultants will assist in planning to meet the objectives within the project of improving access to services and removing stigma in relation to concessions and benefits.

6 BACKGROUND TO TENDER AND SELECTION

- 6.1 Tenders were invited to assist the Dundee Discovery Card Steering Group develop a migration path to a sustainable partnership model to fit in with the work of the Scottish Citizen Account Smartcard Consortium. Specifically the consultants would address the cost/benefit analysis for the scheme and make technical recommendations for card and terminal architecture, security, a system for addition, removal and upgrade of smartcard applications and transaction analysis.
- 6.2 Four members of the Smartcard Steering Group constituted a selection panel. In total 19 tenders were received. Six were shortlisted for interview based on the quality of their submission.

The six shortlisted tenders were:

Company	Price	Days
ALCO	£106,000 (plus £10,000 expenses estimate)	113
ESP Systex	£61,000 (plus £2,000 expenses)	96
Fujitsu	£39,000 (plus expenses)	40
Hitachi	£152,000 (plus expenses)	206
PCL	£70,000 (plus expenses)	N/A
Schlumberger Sema	£104,000 (plus expenses)	127

6.3 Each tender was judged on value for money and the extent to which their methodology matched the requirements of the project. ESP Systex were deemed to best meet the criteria.

7 **CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Depute Chief Executive (Finance) have been consulted on this report.

8 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Tenders and selection panel notes are kept in an audit file.

Smartcard - Modernising Government Fund - Policy and Resources Committee (9 December 2002, Report No. 842-2002).

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