

**Report To: ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION  
17 SEPTEMBER 2001**

**Report On: PURCHASE OF STATIC AIR QUALITY STATION**

**Report By: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**Report No: 561-2001**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

**1.1** To seek approval of the committee for the purchase of a Static Air Quality Station from EMC Environment Engineering Ltd.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**2.1** It is recommended that Dundee City Council agree the content of this report and approves the purchase of a Static Air Quality Station from EMC Environment Engineering Ltd of Cheltenham.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**3.1** The cost of the Static Air Quality Station is £48,738

**3.2** This expenditure can be met from the Environmental and Consumer Protection Department's 2001/2002 Capital Budget.

## **4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

**4.1** The acceptance of the contents of this report will enhance the aims of Dundee 21.

**4.2** The key themes that will be directly addressed by the acceptance of this report are:

- Pollution is limited to levels at which natural systems can cope.
- Health is protected by creating safe, clean, pleasant environments and health services, which emphasise prevention of illness as well as care for the sick.

## **5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

**5.1** The effects of poor air quality are most marked upon certain sensitive groups, particularly those with breathing disorders.

## **6 REPORT**

**6.1** The Environment Act 1995, Part IV introduced a major national air quality regime. As part of their duties under this regime, local authorities must conduct a Review and Assessment of Local Air Quality and consider arrangements for monitoring airborne pollutants.

**6.2** In March 2001, the Scottish Executive wrote to local authorities advising that additional capital consents would be available during 2001/2002. Dundee City Council applied for funding to cover the cost of additional monitoring equipment and undertaking more detailed traffic counts within the City.

**6.3** On 4 July 2001, the Scottish Executive wrote to the Chief Executive, formally conveying the Scottish Ministers' consent for additional capital expenditure in the year 2001/2002

**6.4** Accordingly, tenders were sought for the supply of a static air quality station to this department's specification. On 9 August 2001, letters inviting tender were sent to:

Horiba Instruments Ltd, Northampton  
EMC Environment Engineering Ltd, Cheltenham, and  
Enviro Technology Services Plc, Stroud

**6.5** Tenders were received from Horiba Instruments Ltd, EMC Environment Engineering Ltd and Enviro Technology Services Plc.

The tenders were closely examined and found to be similar in most respects. The few differences found were considered to be insignificant.

**6.6** The decision was therefore based on cost, the three applications being as follows:

Horiba Instruments Ltd	£53,970
EMC Environment Engineering Ltd	£48,738
Enviro Technology Services Plc	£49,460

**6.7** Consequently, it is recommend that the tender received from EMC Environment Engineering Ltd, Cheltenham be accepted.

## **7 CONSULTATION**

Chief Executive  
Director of Finance  
Director of Support Services

## **8 SIGNATURE**

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Director of Environmental and Consumer Protection

Date: 4 September 2001