

REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 16TH OCTOBER 2006

REPORT ON: REPLACEMENT OF AIRPORT EQUIPMENT

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO.: 574-2006

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval for the letting of a contract for the replacement of X-Ray and Metal Detector equipment at Dundee Airport.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

That a contract should be let to Rapiscan Systems UK, of Redhill, Surrey, for the supply and installation of X-Ray and Metal Detector Equipment at a cost of £32,697.50, plus an allowance of a further £1,000 for accommodation works.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The contract can be financed from provision for this purpose within the approved Airport Capital Programme for 2006-07, which allows £40,000 for this purpose.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 Dundee Airport has two security channels. The passenger processing channel in the terminal building recently received new Rapiscan X-Ray and Metal Detector equipment of an advanced standard. The other Security Channel at Gate 4 processes staff and vehicle movements and the X-Ray and Metal Detector equipment in that Gatehouse requires to be replaced because it will not comply with new Security regulations after the end of 2006, and is in any event becoming difficult and expensive to maintain.

6.2 Commonality of equipment at the two security points is highly desirable in order to standardise operator training on similar equipment, and thereby improve security, but there is also a substantial revenue economy in maintenance costs by having the same equipment maintained by one provider.

6.3 It is therefore recommended that the contract should be awarded directly to Rapiscan Systems UK without competitive tender in order to achieve the benefits described above.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

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

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

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