

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 24TH NOVEMBER, 2008
REPORT ON: PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT - SPECTROMETER
REPORT BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (SUPPORT SERVICES)
REPORT NO: 587-2008

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To recommend the purchase of an Inductively Coupled Plasma - Optical Emission Spectrometer (ICP-OES) for Tayside Scientific Services.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee accept the most advantageous offer being that from Perkin Elmer LAS Ltd amounting to £49,894 for the purchase of an Inductively Coupled Plasma - Optical Emission Spectrometer.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Funds are available in the current Scientific Services budget. The source will be Capital financed from current revenue (surpluses accrued from previous years as per our Minute of Agreement).

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 Three tenders were received from the following companies (prices quoted in brackets). In terms of evaluation, a number of criteria were taken into account including operation requirements, reliability and maintenance implications.

Perkin Elmer LAS Ltd, Chalfont Road, Beaconsfield, Bucks, HP9 2FX (£49,894.92).

Analytical Instrument Sales Scotland, Varian Ltd, 10 Mead Road, Oxford Industrial Park, Yarnton, Oxford, OX5 1QU (£46,748.15).

Chemical Analysis Sales Manager Scotland and Ireland, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Stafford House, Boundary Way, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 7GE (£48,500.00).

4.2 It is recommended that the offer from Perkin Elmer (LAS Ltd) be accepted being the most advantageous.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Head of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report and are in agreement with its contents.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

Patricia McIlquham
Depute Chief Executive (Support Services)

Date: 5 November 2008