

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 24TH NOVEMBER, 2008

REPORT ON: PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT - DUMAS NTROGEN/PROTEIN ANALYSER SYSTEM

REPORT BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (SUPPORT SERVICES)

REPORT NO: 588-2008

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To recommend the purchase of a Dumas Nitrogen/Protein Analyser System for Tayside Scientific Services.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee accept the most advantageous offer being that from Leco Instruments UK Ltd amounting to £26,575 plus £3,680 training etc, for the purchase of a Dumas Nitrogen/Protein Analyser System.

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 Four tenders were received from the following companies (prices quoted in brackets). The options from C Gerhardt UK Ltd and Elementar UK both require alterations to the laboratory's service boom which is not considered viable at this time.

Elementar Office UK, 18 Ley Gardens, Alfreton, Derbyshire, UK, DE55 7G2 (£20,145).

Leco Instruments UK Ltd, Newby Road Industrial Estate, Hazel Grove, Stockport, SK7 5DA (£26,575 plus £3,680 training etc).

Skalar (UK) Ltd, Breda House, Millfield Industrial Estate, Wheldrake, York, YO19 6NA (£33,075).

C Gerhardt UK Ltd, Unit 5, Avonbury Court, County Road, Brackley, Northants, NN13 7AX (£26,252).

4.2 It is recommended that the offer from Leco Instruments UK 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.

There are no major issues.

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.

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