

REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 6 DECEMBER 2010

REPORT ON: BALDRAGON ACADEMY: TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT AND DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

REPORT NO: 688-2010

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report seeks approval to accept quotes for the supply of new technical equipment for Baldragon Academy.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee:

- i) notes the content of this report; and
- ii) approves the offers from AES Solutions for the immediate supply and installation of four new upright sanders to technical classrooms, a new circular saw to the Technician's preparation room, and a new CNC router to the design room.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost of the equipment will be £31,657 plus VAT, and this expenditure can be met from the Education Capital Budget 2010-11. The revenue implications arising from this expenditure in respect of financing costs is £4,001 per annum.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 AES Solutions are a specialist company who have been maintaining the technical equipment in schools and were engaged as a sub-contractor to Dundee Contract Services for the procurement and installation of technical equipment for the refurbishment of the technical workshops at Craigie High School and Braeview Academy during the summer of 2010.

4.2 Following a recent service and maintenance inspection carried out at Baldragon Academy four vertical sanders and a circular saw were identified as not being compliant with the current BS4163 and would require significant upgrade.

4.3 The refurbishment of Baldragon Academy technical department is planned for the summer of 2011, and this would include the replacement of the technical equipment identified above together with the provision of a new CNC router to assist with curriculum delivery.

- 4.4 Procurement of these new machines directly and immediately through AES Solutions will enable the school to benefit from their use during the current session and will also eliminate present safety risks.
- 4.5 AES Solutions have offered to disconnect and remove from site existing technical equipment and supply, install and connect four RJH vertical belt sanders and one Sedgwick TA315 circular saw, and to supply one new CNC router. The prices quoted show no increase to the costs for similar equipment procured for Craigie High School and Braeview Academy during the summer of 2010.

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 identified.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

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