

**REPORT TO:** ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 11 JUNE 2012  
**REPORT ON:** RELOCATION OF MOT AND TAXI TESTING STATION  
**REPORT BY:** DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT  
**REPORT NO.:** 213-2012

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To seek authority for the relocation and upgrading of the MOT and taxi testing facility from Clepington Road to the Marchbanks Depot.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that Committee approve the proposals to relocate and upgrade the MOT and taxi testing facility and authorise the acceptance of the offer from Gemco Equipment Ltd.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The Director of Corporate Services advises that the costs associated with the above of £42,385 can be met through allowances within the Environment Department's Capital Plan for 2012/2013.

## **4.0 MAIN TEXT**

4.1 Following a review of the council's fleet operations and the subsequent formation of the corporate fleet division, it was concluded that the council's three main workshops should be integrated into a single location at the Marchbanks depot. At present the council operates a VOSA (Vehicle & Operator Services Agency) approved MOT and Taxi Testing Station at its Clepington Road Workshops which requires to be relocated.

4.2 In order to improve the operational efficiency of the taxi testing and MOT station operations, it is proposed to upgrade the test equipment through the introduction of a new Automated Test Lane (ATL) facility. The new facility will incorporate Class 5 Light Licensed Vehicles capability, increasing the stations test range and utilisation and will generate savings of approximately £18,000 per annum.

4.3 A Quality: Price Tendering Process was adopted to ensure that "best value" was obtained in procuring the ATL equipment. Particular consideration was given to operational needs, specification, reliability, performance, operator compatibility, after sales service including spare parts provision, as well as user experience. This is reflected in the quality price ratio detailed on the attached appendix. The quality and pricing scores are calculated using the Scottish Public Procurement Toolkit Tender Evaluation document.

4.4 The costs of the supply and installation of the new equipment is £34,630 and an allowance of £7,755 has been made for minor alterations to the office space at Marchbanks to accommodate the associated staffing, on-site Police requirement and the creation of a remote viewing area for MOT and Taxi testing, including a live video feed facility.

4.5 Consultation on the proposals has been held with VOSA and the Taxi Liaison Group.

## **5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

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

5.2 The major issues identified are:

- i) each prospective supplier has been assessed to ensure their business complies with the Race Relations Act 1975
- ii) all plant will be subject to regular maintenance and testing throughout its operational life to ensure compliance with standards set.

## **6.0 CONSULTATION**

6.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted on the preparation of this report.

## **7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 None.

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**APPENDIX 1**

<b>MOT ATL Testing Station</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Equipment Model</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Tender Price</b>	<b>Quality Score</b>	<b>Price Score</b>	<b>Quality/Price Score</b>	<b>QP Ranking</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Supply and Installation of ATL for MOT and Taxi Testing Station	<b>Gemco Equipment Ltd</b>	<b>Stenhoj Dun8 Bay</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>£34,630</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>80.6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Accept as Best Value</b>
	Bradbury Equipment	Bradbury H4503 lwb	1	£33,740	39.6	40.0	79.3	2	
	Tecalemit Garage Equipment Company Ltd	Tecalemit 7821/3/DIX480	1	£35,500	36.1	37.9	74.0	3	
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£34,630</b>					

