

**REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
15 MARCH 2004**

REPORT ON: TENDER FOR UNDERTAKING VARIOUS TRAFFIC SURVEYS

REPORT BY: HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND TRADING STANDARDS

REPORT NO: 226-2004

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To seek approval from the committee to accept the tender from The Paul Castle Consultancy, to undertake various traffic surveys which are necessary to successfully complete the next phase of the Review and Assessment of Air Quality in Dundee

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** It is recommended that the committee agrees the content of this report and accepts the tender offer from The Paul Castle Consultancy, Airdrie to undertake the necessary traffic surveys.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1** The cost for undertaking the traffic surveys is £7,450.00
- 3.2** This expenditure can be met from the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Department's 2004/05 Capital Budget.

4. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** The acceptance of the contents of this report will enhance the aims of Dundee 21.
- 4.2** The key themes that will be directly addressed by the acceptance of this report are:
- Pollution is limited to levels at which natural systems can cope.
 - Health is protected by creating safe, clean, pleasant environments.

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** The effects of poor air quality are most marked upon certain sensitive groups, particularly those with breathing disorders.

6. REPORT

- 6.1** The Environment Act 1995, Part IV introduced a major national air quality regime. Dundee City Council is required to undertake air quality modelling in accordance with its statutory obligations under the Act. In order to facilitate this the Council requires a number of traffic surveys to be undertaken.

6.2 Accordingly, tenders were sought for undertaking the necessary traffic surveys to the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Department's specification. On 30th January 2004, letters inviting tenders were sent to:

Count on Us, Glasgow
P.M.A. Data Collection, Inverness
The Paul Castle Consultancy, Airdrie

6.3 Tenders were received from Count on Us, PMA Data Collection, and The Paul Castle Consultancy. The tenders were closely examined and found to be similar in most respects. The few differences found were considered to be insignificant.

6.4 The decision was therefore based on cost, the three applications being as follows:

Count on Us	£9,975.00
PMA Data Collection	£8,536.00
The Paul Castle Consultancy	£7,475.00

6.5 Consequently, it is recommended that the tender received from The Paul Castle Consultancy, Airdrie be accepted.

7. CONSULTATIONS

7.1 Chief Executive
Depute Chief Executive (Support Services)
Depute Chief Executive (Finance)

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 No background papers as defined by section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.

9.0 SIGNATURE

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