

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 9 May 2011

REPORT ON: Purchase of New Screen System for The McManus: Dundee's Art Gallery and Museum

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report details the proposals received for the supply and delivery of a permanent blind system for the Here and Now Gallery within The McManus and requests a decision on acceptance of the same.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Approval is recommended for the acceptance of the proposal submitted by Silent Gliss Ltd and installation by Goldcrest Furnishing Contracts Ltd.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The total cost of £28,477.64 can be met from donated funds.

4.0 TENDER REPORT

4.1 The purchase of a permanent blind system is required to ensure that the light levels in the Here and Now gallery can be lowered in order that the requirements of external lenders for the display of light-sensitive artefacts can be met. The specific system has been chosen to ensure that exhibition displays can be shown in a variety of formats

4.2 There are a limited number of suppliers of these specialist systems. Two blind manufacturers were invited to submit proposals but only one, Silent Gliss, submitted a costed proposal and provided an estimated costing of £31,850 for the manufacture and installation. In addition as they do not install blinds they provided details of three approved distributors.

4.3 Three Silent Gliss distributors were invited to submit a written quotation for the purchase and installation of a Silent Gliss system.

Supplier	Cost
Sunrite Blinds Ltd	£38,109.55
Goldcrest Furnishings Ltd	£28,477.64
Aberdeen Blind Company	£31,843.79

4.4 The quotes were evaluated using a pre-determined list of criteria and the recommended system is the only solution which matches all the essential criteria to a satisfactory level.

4.5 It is recommended that the quote from Goldcrest Furnishings is accepted.

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. No major issues have been identified.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Assistant Chief Executive and Director of Finance have been consulted on this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None

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