

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Leisure, Arts and Communities Committee - 28 September 2009

REPORT ON: Tender for the supply of Fireworks Displays at Baxter Park and Lochee Park on 5 November 2009

REPORT BY: Director of Leisure and Communities

REPORT NO: 448-2009

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To obtain committee approval for the supply, delivery and firing of fireworks at Baxter Park and Lochee Park.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The committee is asked to recommend, after evaluation, that the following offer, for both sites, from Blast Design Fireworks Limited of £25,000 is accepted (subject to references).

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost of £25,000 can be met from the Leisure and Communities 2009/2010 revenue budget.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 Tender documents were sent to four specialist suppliers, all organisations are members of the British Pyrotechnic Association or the CBI Explosive Industry Group or equivalent. Offers were received from the following Companies:

- Highlight Pyrotechnics, Runcorn, Cheshire
- Blast Design Fireworks Limited, Coupar Angus, Perthshire
- Reaction Fireworks Ltd, County Durham
- Fully Fused Fireworks, Sheffield

4.2 The Tenders were assessed on the basis of the economic advantages to the Council having regard to price, content and theme of the displays. The specification requires that displays be fired by a modern computer controlled firing system.

References were sought from the lowest two tenders from other local authorities for whom they have worked.

4.3 Three companies quoted £25,000 (all inclusive) except Reaction Fireworks who quoted £23,750. However they would be dependant on Leisure and Communities staff to assist with preparation, at an estimated additional cost of £1,200.

An assessment of criteria including set up and location, firework content and theme, firing system and health and safety/public liability assessment was undertaken.

It is proposed the tender be awarded to Blast Design Fireworks Limited, Coupar Angus, Perthshire as they scored highest on the assessment criteria. Their relatively local location will have the added advantages for the Council of reducing the need to store fireworks overnight at Dundee Contract Services.

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5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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 CONSULTATION

6.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Head of Finance have been consulted on this report and are in agreement with its contents.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None

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