

**REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 13TH DECEMBER 2004**  
**REPORT ON: ADDITIONAL LOCKER SPACE FOR AIRPORT RESCUE AND FIRE FIGHTING PERSONNEL**  
**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**REPORT NO.: 803-2004**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To request approval to let two contracts for the provision of additional locker accommodation for male rescue and fire fighting personnel at Dundee Airport.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That a contract should be let to Glasdon Manufacturing Ltd of Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire at a cost of £11,916 for the construction and location on site of a bespoke glass fibre module for the accommodation of lockers.

2.2 That a second related contract should be let to Muirfield Contracts Ltd of Dundee for the provision of a concrete base and the forming of a linkage into the airport fire station from the new locker module at a cost of £10,965.47.

2.3 The total cost of the works is therefore £22,881.47.

**3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The cost can be met from the Minor Works provision within the Airport Capital Allocation for 2004-05.

**4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None.

**5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 See the Report below for details.

**6 REPORT**

6.1 In common with all other airports operating in similar circumstances, Dundee Airport is obliged under an International Air Transport Association ruling to raise its Rescue and Fire Fighting Category from 1st January 2005. As previously agreed by the Council, the airport will employ an additional 9 firefighters to meet this requirement and these personnel will be phased into service early in 2005 as they complete their training at the International Fire School.

6.2 Because these staff will be divided among 3 shifts there is little overall impact on the required provision of changing space, toilets, showers etc at the airport. However RFFS personnel need substantial locker space for the bulky specialised clothing that they have to use and the airport does have an immediate problem of being unable to accommodate the large lockers that the additional personnel will require. The simplest answer to the problem as far as male RFFS personnel are concerned will be to have a small bespoke glass fibre module made and installed adjacent to the Fire Station changing room with a connection then formed into the main changing room itself.

6.3 A more substantial conversion scheme is required to provide better changing and locker accommodation for female RFFS personnel and a separate report on this will come to the Committee early in 2005 with a view to completion of that scheme by the Spring of that year. The reason that it has not come forward now is that a process of decanting existing uses will be necessary to release the necessary space for new female changing and locker accommodation.

6.4 It is recommended that the design and construction of the glass fibre module should be directly awarded to Glasdon Ltd, as a reputable specialist in the provision of bespoke small glass fibre accommodation, in a particular situation where precise construction will be essential.

6.5 Invitations to tender for the several works to form a base for the new module and connect it into the fire station were sent to five building contractors. However only 2 tenders were received.

Muirfield Contracts Ltd	£10,965.47
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Land and Building Services Ltd	£15,015.00
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7 **CONSULTATIONS**

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

8 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 None.

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