

REPORT TO: RECESS SUB COMMITTEE – 15 JULY 2002

REPORT ON: TENDERS RECEIVED FOR TAY ESTUARY RAIL STUDY

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report details tenders received for the Tay Estuary Rail Study and requests a decision on acceptance thereof.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The appointment of Steer Davies Gleave/Babtie Group partnership is approved.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The cost of the study is estimated at £88,870.

Contributions have been agreed in order to fund the study as follows

	£000's
Public Transport Fund (Preparation Pool)	60
Angus Council	5
Fife Council	5
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Sub Total	70
In addition, Scottish Enterprise Tayside have agreed to match fund the balance required up to a maximum of £15,000 each with the Council and accordingly provision has been made up to a maximum of £15,000 from within the Planning and Transportation Department's 2002/2003 Revenue Budget for Transportation Third Party Payments	15
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Total Budget Provision	100

- 3.2 Perth and Kinross Council, whilst not providing direct financial resources, are committed to the partnership for this study and will contribute staff time, skills and any available relevant information.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The study is aimed at encouraging an alternative transport mode to the car and as such will contribute to the protection of Dundee's environment.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The study is aimed at improving public transport for the benefit of all Dundee's citizens, thus ensuring Dundee's transport network caters for all.

6 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 Dundee City Council in partnership with Angus Council, Fife Council, Perth and Kinross Council and Scottish Enterprise Tayside has been successful in securing funding of £60,000 from the Public Transport Fund preparation pool for the Tay Estuary Rail Study. The study cost was estimated at £100,000 with the partners expected to fund the £40,000 balance.
- 6.2 The aim of the study is to develop rail services in the Tay Estuary area that perform a much more significant role for regional and local transport movements than is currently the case. The strategy that emerges will:
- Encourage modal transfer of trips from car to rail and improve bus/rail integration;
 - Ensure that the network of services reflects the needs of local people;
 - Enhance the train services serving local shorter distance movements, whilst ensuring inter-regional and national services are not impeded;
 - Promote social inclusion by enabling local people to access job opportunities, education, health and leisure facilities;
 - Encourage inward investment to the area;
 - Be supportive of local, regional and national transport policy.
- 6.3 The output of the study will form the basis of a substantive bid to the Scottish Executive and/or other funding sources such as the Strategic Rail Authority to take forward an improved local and regional rail service in the Tay Estuary area.
- 6.4 The partners in the study agreed a list of consultants to be approached to tender proposals for the study. Table 1 below lists the tendering consultants in alphabetical order and the tender prices submitted.

List of Tenderers (Alphabetical Order)	Tender Price
Colin Buchanan and Partners	£89,640
Scott Wilson Scotland Ltd	£90,195
Steer Davies Gleave/Babtie Group	£88,870

Table 1

- 6.5 Each tenderer submitted a proposal document outlining the methodology they proposed, their skills, experience and technical ability and how these facets would be utilised within the rail study as defined by a study brief. In addition each tenderer made a presentation of their proposals to a panel of officers/representatives from each of the study partners.

- 6.6 Each tenderer was judged on cost and methodology, and also on their demonstration of skill, experience and track record in the following areas, specifically in relation to rail strategy and projects:
- Strategic transport planning and specifically experience in developing funding bids
 - Funding transport proposals
 - Project appraisal and in particular a high level of familiarity with Scottish Executive appraisal guidance
 - Demand modelling and assessment
 - Public consultation
 - Rail operations and engineering

- 6.7 The five study partners representatives unanimously agreed that the successful tenderer was Steer Davies Gleave/Babtie Group with a tender price of £88,870. They were judged to offer the lowest tender price and the best quality of study methodology, combined with relevant skills, experience and track record.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 Consultation has been undertaken with all relevant City Council departments and all partners in the study.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Report No 384-2001 Public Transport Fund Bid 2001-03
- 8.2 Planning and Transportation Committee 27 August 2001 – Item 21A Public Transport Fund Bids.

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