

**REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 9TH JANUARY 2006**  
**REPORT ON: REFURBISHMENT OF A JAVELIN FIRE VEHICLE FOR DUNDEE AIRPORT**  
**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**REPORT NO.: 12-2006**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To ask the Committee to approve the appointment of a contractor to upgrade an airport fire vehicle.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That a contract should be awarded to Fire Vehicle Services Ltd, of Quedgeley, Gloucester, by negotiation up to a maximum value of £70,000, for commencement in Financial Year 2005-06 and completion in Financial Year 2006-07. £10,000 would be vired within the 2005-06 Airport Capital Programme for the commencement of work in the current Financial Year.

**3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 A sum of £60,000 will be proposed within the Airport Financial Plan for Financial Year 2006-07, under the heading of 'RFFS Vehicle and Equipment Investment'. This, in conjunction with £10,000 re-allocated from uncommitted resources within the 2005-06 Plan is considered sufficient for the project.

**4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 None.

**5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None.

**6 REPORT**

- 6.1 Reference is made to Article II (b) of the Minute of Meeting of the Economic Development Committee on 12th September 2005 wherein Members approved the refurbishment of a first fire vehicle at a cost of £40,000, - with a further £5,000 contingency sum also made available. That refurbishment is now under way at the premises of Fire Vehicle Services in Gloucester. However recent maintenance experience has been that the programme of refurbishment of Airport Fire Vehicles should be accelerated in the interests of fleet reliability, and that the second refurbishment, - learning from the experience of the first, should include more elements.
- 6.2 Because of the need to keep two major appliances continuously on-line during the summer to provide Category 5 fire and rescue cover for holiday charter traffic, it is not possible to send any of the three main vehicles away for refurbishment during the summer, - because any defect in the two remaining vehicles would leave the airport unable to maintain its required fire category. This is not currently the case during the winter when, at the present level of services, a minimum of one major appliance can meet the requirement. Thus any extended refurbishment has to be done between October and May, over the winter months.
- 6.3 It is now considered that it would be undesirable to leave the next refurbishment to a commencement date of October 2006, and that there would be considerable benefits from commencing a second refurbishment during the last part of the current financial year, for completion during May 2006. That is what is now proposed in this report.

- 6.4 The last competitive tender for refurbishment was won decisively by Fire Vehicle Services of Gloucester, which is now midway through the refurbishment of a vehicle identical in model, age and previous history, to the one now proposed for the second refurbishment. The Company is therefore building up detailed experience of the work that is likely to be needed on the second vehicle, together with a background in component sourcing that should expedite the programme for a second vehicle. There could also be economies in the not inconsiderable low-loader costs of transporting these very big vehicles to and from Gloucester, by having a second refurbishment implemented in a follow-on programme by the same company.
- 6.5 It is therefore recommended that the second refurbishment should be awarded, by negotiation to Fire Vehicle Services. In this instance it is proposed that the resources available for the negotiation should be increased because experience has suggested that the refurbishment programme for the second vehicle should be extended to include vehicle mechanical systems as well as the fire fighting, pneumatic and hydraulic systems that were covered by the first refurbishment. As in the previous case the negotiation would be based on a priced menu of work to be carried out, and the full amount would not be committed to the contract unless required to incorporate important works. The negotiated sum would be reported to the Committee.
- 6.6 By proceeding with this accelerated programme the Airport should achieve improved reliability, and reduced maintenance costs for two of its three main vehicles by the early summer of 2006, with much of the improvement coming from the conversion of vehicles systems to include components in current manufacture, which have easy spares availability.
- 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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