

REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 17TH APRIL 2006
REPORT ON: REFURBISHMENT OF THE AIRPORT FRICTION TESTER
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
REPORT NO.: 246-2006

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To request approval for the placing of a contract to refurbish Dundee Airport's runway friction tester.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That a contract should be let to Douglas Equipment Ltd, of Cheltenham Gloucestershire for the refurbishment and upgrading of Dundee Airport's current Mark 5 friction tester to Mark 6 standard at a cost of £9,695 plus transport and training costs. The total cost is expected to be £11,100.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 An allowance of £12,000 has been made for this in the Airport Capital Programme for 2006-07. There are no staffing implications.

4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no negative implications for equal opportunities.

6 REPORT

6.1 The airport owns a Douglas Mark 5 Runway Friction Tester which is an obligatory piece of equipment used to inform pilots of the braking performance of the runway surface, as it varies according to, the weather, the physical condition of the surface, and any contaminants that might be present on that surface. The friction tester was last upgraded in 1999. However, maintenance support for the electro-mechanical elements of this equipment has been discontinued and it is therefore essential that it undergoes a further upgrade to fully digital standard, and is simultaneously given a mechanical overhaul and anti-corrosion treatment. The new configuration is expected to be much more robust in use. The work can only be done by the original manufacturer, and competitive tendering is therefore not available in this instance. A substitute unit is being provided free of charge by Douglas Equipment during the upgrade period.

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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