

REPORT TO: Dundee Contract Services Committee - 8th January 2007
REPORT ON: Supply of a Specialised 16 Metre Tracked Access Work Platform 2006/2007
REPORT BY: Director of Dundee Contract Services
REPORT NO.: 6 - 2007

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To authorise the purchase of a specialised 16 metre tracked access work platform required by Dundee Contract Services for the financial year 2006/2007.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended the undernoted price for the specialised work platform is accepted.

<u>Item</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Ranger Leo 16GT	1	Ranger Equipment Chesterfield	£ 47,765

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The expenditure of £ 47,765 can be met from the revenue surpluses generated by Dundee Contract Services during the current financial year or by prudential borrowing if considered appropriate.
- 3.2 It is anticipated that by acquiring this specialised item Dundee Contract Services will save in excess of £25,000.00 per annum in external hire costs by removing the need to hire in specialised access equipment of this type.

4. SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The diesel engine fitted to the equipment meets or exceeds all relevant legislative requirements relating to exhaust gas emission and noise pollution.
- 4.2 In addition the item and its component parts will throughout its operation life be subject to regular maintenance to ensure compliance with standards set.

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The supplier has been assessed to ensure the business complies with the Race Relations Act 1976.

6. MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 Changes in legislation relating to safe access when working at height has meant re-assessment of working practises leading to increasing use of expensive hired in specialised mobile work platforms. Such specialised equipment is not always available when required and can be operationally limiting not only causing delays but increasing costs to work projects as a result.
- 6.2 To address these issues a comprehensive revue of access needs and available equipment was undertaken the outcome being the Ranger Leo 16GT tracked access equipment as supplied by Ranger Equipment, Chesterfield was considered the most suitable in meeting the departments requirements.
- 6.3 Given the specialised nature of this equipment and as no suitable alternatives are available, it was considered the tendering process was not appropriate in this instance and the supplier was asked to quote directly with measures taken to ensure best possible price available.

7. CONSULTATION

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

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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