

**REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 20 OCTOBER 2003**

**REPORT ON: DUNDEE DISCOVERY CARD MANAGEMENT SYSTEM**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION**

**REPORT NO: 673-2003**

## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report details tenders received for the Dundee Discovery Card Scheme's core card/cardholder management system and requests a decision on acceptance thereof.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee approve the appointment of Black Sea Consulting Group.

## **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The cost of the card/cardholder management system is £31,450. The costs will be met from the Modernising Government Fund Smartcard budget. The Council received a grant of £953,000 from the Scottish Executive from the MGF2 for the smartcard project. The details of this budget was approved by the Policy and Resources Committee (Report No 842-2002) in December 2002.

## **4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Access to facilities, services, goods and people is not achieved at the expense of the environment and accessible to all.

## **5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Every opportunity is taken to make Dundee a barrier free City.

## **6 BACKGROUND**

- 6.1 Tenders were invited in response to the Dundee Discovery Smartcard Scheme specification of requirements for a card/cardholder management system. Specifically, tenderers were asked to address a number of pre-determined areas of functionality and to propose a solution which would deliver an excellent component within the overall Dundee Discovery Smartcard Scheme objectives.
- 6.2 Three members of the Smartcard Steering Group constituted a selection panel. In total 21 ITT's were issued, 9 tenders were received and of these, 3 were shortlisted.
- 6.3 The 3 shortlisted tenders were:

Contractor	Tender Amount
ESP Systex	£70,000
Schlumberger Sema	£85,125
Black Sea Consulting of Oxford Group	£31,450

- 6.4 Each tender was judged on technical excellence, ability to deliver, added value to the overall project and price. Black Sea Consulting Group were deemed to best meet the criteria.

## **7 CONSULTATIONS**

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

## **8 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 None

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