

**REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 13TH DECEMBER 2004**

**REPORT ON: INTERIM REFURBISHMENT OF AN AIRPORT FIRE VEHICLE**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**REPORT NO.: 804-2004**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to seek approval to let a contract for the first phase of the refurbishment of an airport fire vehicle.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That a contract should be let to Reynolds Boughton Ltd of Winkleigh, Devon at a cost of £24,085 for mechanical and painting works to upgrade a Protector Fire Tender in order to enhance its condition.

**3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The cost can be contained within the Airport Capital Plan for 2004-05 with expenditure for this purpose having previously been approved by the Committee.

**4 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 None.

**5 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 None.

**6 REPORT**

- 6.1 In the Spring of 2004 Dundee Airport purchased a Used Simon Protector Fire Tender from Carmichael International as a replacement for a life-expired vehicle within its fleet. The Simon Protector was acquired in sound operational condition but in the knowledge that it would, in due course, require a major mid-life refurbishment programme to enable it to provide 10-15 years of further reliable service.

- 6.2 It is proposed to commence that refurbishment and upgrading programme now with first phase works of a relatively modest scale to overhaul key mechanical and fire-fighting components, carry out corrosion protection and repaint the vehicle. The objective is to have the vehicle back in operational service by the Spring of 2005.

- 6.3 It is proposed to let the first phase refurbishment contract directly to Reynolds Boughton Ltd of Winkleigh, Devon because this company already has a detailed knowledge of the work needed on this particular vehicle which other potential tenderers could not develop without extensive engineering investigation. Reynolds Boughton has developed this knowledge because it is the current vehicle inspection and maintenance contractor for the airport rescue and fire fighting fleet and has an established expertise in the construction, maintenance and refurbishment of airport fire vehicles.

**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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