
Report To: Policy & Resources Committee

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Subject: Vehicle and Plant Replacement Programme – Request to Advertise on National Advertising Portal

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to :

Seek approval, as per Standing Order 6.1 of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts, to advertise the contracts listed in 2.3 below on the national advertising portal established by the Scottish Procurement Directorates National Centre of Expertise (Procurement Scotland) subject to the suspension of Standing Order 5 of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 The contracts listed in 2.3 are part of the Council's vehicle replacement programme. To ensure best value and transparency are achieved, it is our view that this can only be achieved by advertising these contracts on the National Advertising Portal.

2.2 The National Advertising Portal "Public Contracts Scotland" launched in 2008 is a vital ingredient in enabling the Scottish Public Sector to:

Increase competition and Support 'Best Value'.

Provide valuable free contract to suppliers.

Support the Public Sector to achieve a more transparent tendering process and adhere to EU rules.

Build stimulate stronger communication links with buyers and suppliers.

Stimulate growth in Scotland.

2.3 The contracts to be advertised are:

Purchase of Excavators – Estimated Value £101k

Purchase of Civic Duties Car – Estimated Value £23k

Purchase of Plant Trailers – Estimated Value £30k

Purchase of Fork Lifts – Estimated Value £30k

Purchase of Wheeled Loaders – Estimated Value £142k

Purchase of Educational Display Unit – Estimated Value £130k

Purchase of Mowers – Estimated Value £106k

Purchase of Demountable Gritter – Estimated Value £25k

Purchase of a Vehicle Tracking System – Estimated Value £100k

The Council will explore the option of purchasing used equipment, for some of the above tenders, which could reduce these values significantly.

2.4 Committee approval has previously been granted to advertise the following contracts, as part of the vehicle replacement programme:

Purchase of Debris Chipper

Purchase of Chippers
Purchase of Trailers / Dumpers and Bowsers
Purchase of Plant Equipment
Purchase of Tractor Mounted Gang Mower
Purchase of Utility Vehicles

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is recommended that approval be granted to :

Advertise the contracts detailed in 2.3 on the National Advertising Portal subject to the suspension of Standing Order 5 of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The National Advertising Portal “Public Contracts Scotland” launched in 2008 is a vital ingredient in enabling the Scottish Public Sector to:

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- 4.2 The contracts to be advertised are part of the Council's vehicle replacement programme. The Council 's approved lists do not have a sufficient supplier base to ensure best value is achieved. Best Value and transparency in these contracts can only be achieved by going to the marketplace and advertising these contracts on the National Advertising Portal.

- 4.3 The contracts to be advertised are:

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- 4.4 Committee approval has been previously been granted to advertise the tenders listed in 2.4 on the National Advertising Portal.
- 4.5 Committee approval has previously been granted for the procurement of all vehicles, plant and tracking system listed as part of the Vehicle, Plant and Equipment Review June 2009. All procurement costs will be contained within the budget allocated for implementation of the Review.

5.0 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Consultations have taken place with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Corporate Procurement and the Chief Financial Officer.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The estimated costs are as detailed in 6.2
- 6.2 Financial Implications - Contained within Vehicle, Plant Replacement Programme Budget

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
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Environmental and Commercial Services	Vehicle Replacement Programme	10/11	£687,000	n/a	Estimate at this stage
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7.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 The approval to advertise these contracts on the National Advertising Portal will enable the Council to target the appropriate supply base, complete a further stage of the vehicle replacement programme, ensure that a competitive tendering exercise is undertaken and ensure best value is achieved.