

# PREVENTING PROTECTING RESPONDING

## TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

MEETING: 16 MARCH 2009

SUBJECT: PROCUREMENT OF WATER TENDERS 2009/2010 TO 2011/2012

JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, FINANCE OFFICER AND CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY

### 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report sets out for the information of Members, the procurement arrangements in respect of Water Tenders for the period 2009/2010 to 2011/2012 and seeks Authority approval to proceed with the award of a contract.

### 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Members will recall that approval was given at the Authority Meeting on 23 February 2009, to the Capital Programme and Vehicle Replacement Programme, together with the commencement of the procurement process for 22 Water Tenders.
- 2.2 Delegated authority was also given to the Chief Fire Officer, in conjunction with the Finance Officer, to vary the size of the order, up to the total of 22, dependant upon the market information available to them.

### 3 PROCUREMENT PROCESS

- 3.1 Firebuy currently has in place a framework agreement for the supply of Water Tenders. In accordance with the requirements of the framework a supply request was issued to the contractors on the framework.
- 3.2 Completed supplier responses were received from the following companies listed in alphabetical order:

Browns Coachworks Ltd, Lisburn  
Emergency One (UK) Ltd, Cumnock  
John Dennis Coachbuilders, Guildford

- 3.4 The list of values of responses received in ascending order, excluding VAT, is set out below:

| Category 1 Water Tenders | Category 2 Water Tenders |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| (Price each)             | (Price each)             |
| £173,830.57              | £173,081.04              |
| £176,127.00              | £175,417.00              |
| £200,589.00              | £200,589.00              |

3.5 The response from John Dennis Coachbuilders, Guildford, is proposed for acceptance as not only the most economically advantageous but also the lowest response.

#### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Provision is included in the Capital Programme (Vehicle Replacement Programme) 2009/2010 to 2011/2012 for the acquisition of 22 Water Tenders. As with all assets purchased by the Authority through the Vehicle Replacement Programme, a full option appraisal will be undertaken at the point of acquisition to identify the best option for financing, including leasing and borrowing.

#### **5 HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 These appliances will offer the very latest technology in pumping appliance build, including bodywork, pump fittings, foam systems and innovative body structure, all designed to improve the safety of firefighters.

#### **6 EQUALITY AND FAIRNESS IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Nothing in the design or construction of the appliances or the stowage of equipment, should present a barrier to the recruitment of a diverse workforce.

#### **7 RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 Risk management implications have been addressed through the increased safety features of the appliances. Pumping appliance build is subject to obligatory testing by the Vehicle Certification Agency.

7.2 The Chief Fire Officer in conjunction with the Finance Officer will assess the market information available to them in assessing the size of the order to be placed up to a total of 22 vehicles..

#### **8 RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 The Authority is requested to:-

- i) Endorse the procurement procedure adopted, which utilises a Firebuy framework agreement and:
- ii) approve acceptance of the supplier response from John Dennis Coachbuilders, Guildford for up to 22 Water Tenders, at a cost of £173,830.57 each for Category 1 appliances and £173,081.04 each for Category 2 appliances.

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### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

The undermentioned Background Papers refer to the subject matter of the above report:

- Authority Report 23 February 2009 Capital Programme 2009/10
- Authority Report 23 February 2009 Procurement of Water Tenders 2009/2010 to 2011/2012

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