

**AGENDA ITEM No. ....8.....**

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL**

**REPORT**

<b>To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Subject: Purchase of Vehicles - Change of Supplier to Second Cheapest Tenderer</b>
<b>From: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</b>	
<b>Date: 20th May, 1998 Ref: GB/DM/LJ</b>	

**PROPOSED DECISION**

To accept the second cheapest tender for the purchase of nine tractors which cannot be supplied to the Department's specification from the winning tenderer at a cost of £196,005.00.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The additional cost of placing this order with the next cheapest tenderer is £18,170.00.

**REPORTS**

Members will recall at their meeting on 3rd March, 1998 receiving a report on the purchase/lease of vehicles in line with the Department's Vehicles Replacement Programme and in particular a recommendation that they accept the cheapest tender for the supply of nine Valmet tractors from Messrs Craig Tractors of Strathaven.

After this Company were given the order they later advised that their units did not meet the specification laid down in the tender documents in that the gearboxes were not "Shuttle" units and in addition did not have the number of forward and reverse gears requested.

The next cheapest tender from Messrs Hamilton Bros of Bishopton for Massey Ferguson tractors is to the correct specification and can be supplied.

Following discussion with Messrs Craig Tractor Services when it was accepted that they could not supply units to the required specification it was agreed that they would confirm the position in writing. They have now done so and state that they are willing to withdraw their offer.

The purpose of this report therefore is to get Committee approval to go to the next cheapest tenderer, Messrs Hamilton Bros, Bishopton.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee approve the recommendation that the Department cancel the order for nine tractors with Messrs Craig Tractor Services of Strathaven and issue the order instead to the second cheapest tenderer Messrs Hamilton of Bishopton at an additional cost of £18,170.00.

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