

<p>To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE</p> <hr/> <p>From: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</p> <hr/> <p>Date: 27th July, 1998.    Ref: GB/MC</p>	<p>Subject: Contract Standing Orders - Preferred Suppliers for</p> <p>1) Technical Equipment</p> <p>2) Lining Clay for landfill sites</p>
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### PROPOSED DECISION

- 1] To agree that purchases of technical equipment for air quality monitoring and noise monitoring, in the current and succeeding financial years, be purchased from the suppliers listed in the Appendix to this report, given that both compatibility issues and price remain comparable and that supplies of clay required for the lining of the Council's landfill sites be purchased from the LDA from ground at the Euro Terminal if the clay meets the specification required and the purchase terms remain the same; and
- 2] The Committee homologate the actions of the Department in the purchases of technical equipment and clay already purchased from the suppliers described in the Report.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Department in terms of Exemption 2.4 of the Contract Standing Orders is seeking to exclude the above purchases from the need to obtain tenders in accordance with the Council's Contract Standing Orders .

The Department has considered the financial aspects of such a decision and advises that the saving in the case of obtaining air quality and noise monitoring equipment from alternative suppliers would be outweighed by additional costs in retraining staff and the purchase of additional compatible computer equipment. In the case of the clay for use as a liner at the two landfill sites there can be no cheaper alternative than the proposed purchase outlined at paragraph 2 below.

### REPORT

1. The Department has to purchase, both on a replacement basis and on a continuing development basis, technical equipment to monitor both noise and air pollution.

The results produced from this equipment are no longer analysed at source but fed into computers with software designed to match the particular piece of equipment and produce detailed analysis. It will be seen therefore, particularly in the case of the air quality monitoring equipment where the Department has both fixed site and mobile monitoring equipment working 24 hours per day from various locations that it makes good sense to have the results from this equipment downloaded, analysed and figures produced by the same processing software. Similarly with noise equipment when results from a survey are downloaded it again makes good sense to have all the equipment interchangeable and co-ordinated by the same software.

There is also a saving in staff retraining costs if standardised equipment is used throughout the Department.

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It is the Department's intention therefore to standardise on air quality and noise pollution monitoring equipment previously used by the former merging District Councils and still currently used by the Department as detailed in the Appendix to this report.

2. The Department is required to purchase clay to a certain technical standard to be used as a liner for cells within its landfill sites. The LDA identified supplies of such a material within the area of the Euro terminal at Bellshill and on sampling by the Department this clay was found to be to the technical standard required by the current Waste Management Papers and also SEPA.

The LDA are prepared to supply this material at very competitive rate to the landfill sites and on discussion with the Department's consultants for the landfill site extension work at both sites they have identified this offer as a saving of between £8 and £13 per cubic metre when compared to normal purchase costs of such material.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1] It is recommended that the Committee agree that purchases of technical equipment for air quality monitoring and noise monitoring, in the current and succeeding financial years, be purchased from the suppliers listed in the Appendix to this report, given that both compatibility issues and price remain comparable and that supplies of clay required for the lining of the Council's landfill sites be purchased from the LDA from ground at the Euro Terminal if the clay meets the specification required and the purchase terms remain the same; and
- 2] It is recommended that the Committee homologate the actions of the Department in the purchases of technical equipment and clay already purchased from the suppliers described in the Report.

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**APPENDIX****EQUIPMENT**

Air Quality Monitoring Equipment

Noise Pollution Monitoring Equipment

**SUPPLIER**

Messrs Horiba Instruments Ltd., Summerhouse Road, Moulton Park, Northampton.

Messrs Bruel & Kjaer, Harrow Weald Lodge, 92 Uxbridge Road, Harrow, Middlesex.