

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL  
REPORT**

To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	Subject: SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR CCTV SURVEYS, SEWER CONDITION INSPECTIONS AND CULVERT CLEANING WORKS – 2007/2008
From: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	
Date: 22 August 2007 Ref: PEAD00097	

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of an enabling agreement and acceptance of rates tendered in competition by suitable contractors for the carrying out of CCTV Survey, Sewer Condition Inspections and Culvert Cleaning Works under a Schedule of Rates. The purpose of the Schedule of Rates is to provide an efficient means of awarding these minor works for contracts not exceeding £50,000.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The council requires CCTV survey/inspections and cleaning operations of culverts and piped watercourses as part of its statutory obligations in respect of ensuring culverted watercourses are in good hydraulic condition. During periods of heavy rainfall or flooding the demand for contractors to undertake such works is high and availability of plant and labour is an issue. In addition to planned works there is a need to have the flexibility to call upon more than one contractor to carry out works at short notice.
- 2.2 The contract documentation establishes specifications, rates and terms and conditions of contract for minor CCTV surveys and sewer condition inspections together with cleaning works of piped watercourses, culverts and sewers. The Schedule also includes for minor civil engineering works required to gain access to, and make safe the aforementioned assets and on occasion during emergency conditions.
- 2.3 The scope and extent of the works cannot be determined in advance as it depends on the nature and extent of blockage that develops in the culverts and sewers, which may be natural or man made. For example fly-tipping that may be swept into a culvert by the natural flow of water and subsequently block the culvert.

**3. SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

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#### **4. PROPOSALS / CONSIDERATIONS**

4.1 Tenders were invited in the form of a Schedule of Rates to operate until March 31 2008 for the purpose of:

- a) Achieving a quick response for the carrying out of any CCTV surveys, sewer condition inspections and cleaning works for asset investigation, planned maintenance works or emergency contracts as dictated by circumstances.
- b) Allowing these small contracts to be managed in a quick and effective manner as the investigations and cleaning operations can be required at short notice

4.2 Tender documents were issued to ten Contractors of which nine submitted rates. QTS Group, Drumclog were invited to tender but did not make a return. The following contractors returned priced tenders.

- Amey Roads North Lanarkshire, Bargeddie
- Castlebrae Drainage Services, Glasgow
- Damm Environmental Ltd, Glasgow
- DCS Group, Glasgow
- Enviro-clean Scotland Ltd, East Kilbride
- Euro Environmental Contracts Ltd, Bathgate
- Future Environmental Services, Glasgow
- Industrial & Municipal Projects Ltd, Glasgow
- Underground Inspection Services, Blantyre

4.3 Once the nature and extent of investigation or cleaning works required has been identified, a Contractor will be selected on the basis of best value which will be evaluated from the rates tendered, technical capability and availability to respond within the required time period.

4.4 Where special circumstances or site specific conditions exist, which are not covered by the Schedule of Rates, four of the Contractors who have tendered the most economically advantageous rates will be invited to submit additional rates to cover these site specific contingencies. These additional rates will then be considered with the items already covered by the priced Schedule of Rates to obtain an estimate before a Contractor is selected for appointment.

#### **5. CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS**

5.1 The works will be individual contracts for works estimated at less than £50,000 located at sites anywhere within North Lanarkshire Council boundaries. The total cumulative annual value of contracts to be made under the Schedule of Rates is estimated at £100,000.

5.2 Funding for this proposed work will be principally from the Flooding Budget to deal with flooding associated from watercourses, however other work may come from Capital and Revenue Budgets as appropriate for a specific project as directed by the relevant service.

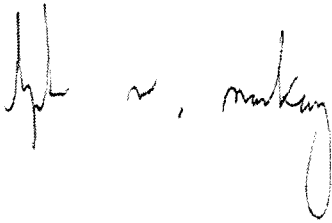
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## 6. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to approve the enabling agreement and accept the rates submitted by each of following Contractors for the Schedule of Rates for CCTV Surveys, Sewer Condition Inspections and Culvert Cleaning Works – 2007/2008 which will operate up to the 31 March 2008.

- Amey Roads North Lanarkshire, Bargeddie
- Castlebrae Drainage Services, Glasgow
- Damm Environmental Ltd, Glasgow
- DCS Group, Glasgow
- Enviro-clean Scotland Ltd, East Kilbride
- Euro Environmental Contracts Ltd, Bathgate
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Individual contracts will be awarded under delegated authority to the Contractor providing the most economically advantageous tender to the council evaluated by a combination cost, technical capability and availability to respond within the required time.

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2 August 2007

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