

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT**

To: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE		Subject: TENDER FOR EXTERNAL WORKS FOR CIVIC PODIUM/COURTYARD AT THE MOTHERWELL CIVIC CENTRE
From: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES		
Date: 20 January 2005	Ref: TT/0015c	

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to keep committee members informed of the above.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Tender documents were prepared to carry out the construction of external works, including paving, planting beds, lighting works etc. in the external areas, covering the Square Courtyard area, the shop area and the access lane from Camp Street at the podium level at Motherwell Civic Centre.

2.2 The project will be funded in part from Administration Capital Programme 2004/2005 & 2005/06 and in part from the 2005/06 capital programme of the Department of Housing and Property.

3. PROPOSALS/CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Tenders were issued to five contractors and four of them were returned by due date and time on Monday 17th January 2005 as follows:

	Before Checking £	After Checking £
Ashlea Ltd.	309,476.74	313,424.74
MacKenzie Construction	436,757.43	439,907.43
Fullwood Holdings Ltd.	459,840.21	459,367.71
Land Engineering (Scotland) Ltd.	490,791.16	unchecked
J H Civil Engineering	Offer received late, tender returned unopened	

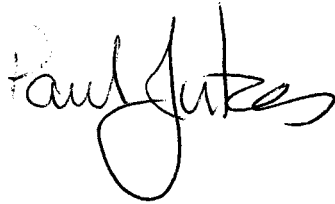
3.2 When the lowest returned tender was examined by the consultant QS, several queries were clarified with the lowest tenderer. The result is that the lowest tenderer confirmed to stand by their offer at **£313,424.74** after arithmetic checking.

4. CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The committee is asked to note that the tender has been prepared after due consideration and in consultation with the Administration Department, Head of Central Services and Community Services Countryside and Landscape Section.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 The committee is asked to homologate the decision made in accordance with the delegated powers held by the Director of Administration, after consultation with the Convener, to progress this project and accept the tender offer from Ashlea Ltd in the sum of £313,424.74, being the lowest tender received.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent loop at the end of the name.