

To: HOUSING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: ROUGH SLEEPERS INITIATIVE DIRECT ACCESS ACCOMMODATION – WEST HAMILTON STREET, MOTHERWELL
From: DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND PROPERTY SERVICES		
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1. Introduction.

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise committee of the progress made in selecting a partner agency to manage the above accommodation on behalf of the Council and to seek delegated powers to complete the selection process.

2. Background.

- 2.1 As members will be aware, the Council was successful in securing capital and revenue funding for the above accommodation under the government's Rough Sleepers' Initiative.
- 2.2 The target date for the completion of the construction work is January 2002, and it is now necessary to select a partner agency to manage the above accommodation on behalf of the Council in order that staff from the successful organisation may participate in the final development process and establish the necessary links with other agencies to facilitate the running of the project.

3. Considerations.

- 3.1 Following the placement of an advertisement inviting expressions of interest from organisations to manage the project, fourteen replies were received.
- 3.2 The Department wrote to each respondent on 19 June 2001 seeking further detailed information to facilitate the process of selecting a suitable managing agency.
- 3.3 Six organisations submitted proposals, which were then subjected to an option appraisal by staff from the Housing and Property Services Department.
- 3.4 Following this exercise, two organisations have demonstrated potential to meet the aspirations of the Council in managing the project successfully.
- 3.5 The Organisations are:
- Blue Triangle (Glasgow) Housing Association Ltd, and
 - Haven Housing Association Ltd.

3.6 The two organisations will be invited to make a presentation to members of staff from both Housing and Property Services and Social Work, who will make recommendations regarding the successful organisation and this will be subject to a further report.

4. Recommendation

4.1 It is recommended that committee:

- a). Note the progress made to date in the selection process,
- b). Authorise the Director of Housing and Property Services to make the final selection as outlined in 3.6 above, and award a contract to the appropriate organisation.

5. Access to Information

5.1 Background papers are available in the Housing and Property Services Department.



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