

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

AGENDA ITEM No. 18

<b>To:</b> HOUSING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE		<b>Subject:</b> Estate Regeneration – West Crindledyke Environmental Improvements Phase Two
<b>From:</b> DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND PROPERTY SERVICES		
<b>Date:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2003	<b>Ref:</b> TMCK/JS	

**1. Introduction**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek committee approval to negotiate an extension to the existing contract for environmental improvement works with Ashlea Ltd. (Carnforth).

**2. Background**

2.1 In August 2002 committee approved the award of a contract to Messrs Ashlea Ltd. for the first phase of environmental improvements in West Crindledyke, Newmains, to upgrade the sites left by the demolition of several blocks of flats involving landscaping, improvements to parking facilities, footpaths, back court improvements, fencing, walling and lighting. The original contract value was £432,993.27.

2.2 The contract started in June 2002 and is due to be completed in early February 2003. The contract has been executed in an exemplary manner and to a very high standard.

2.3 Design proposals have been prepared for Phase Two and Ashlea Ltd. expressed an interest in negotiating an extension to their present contract to enable them to carry out the works.

2.4 A budget of £250,000 has been allowed within the HRA Capital Programme (Estate regeneration) for 2003/04 for the second phase of environmental improvements.

**3. Proposals/Considerations**

3.1 Ashlea Ltd have carried out the works in Phase One to a very high standard, they currently have a site established in the area which will allow smooth progression to Phase Two of the works with minimum disruption to the residents of the area.

3.2 Design Services have completed negotiations with Ashlea who have agreed to undertake the works for Phase Two within the budget figure noted above in paragraph 2.4 and using the same rates and terms and conditions as the existing contract which are still commercially competitive and represent value for money.


**4. Recommendation**

4.1 It is recommended that committee approve the award of a negotiated extension to the contract for landscaping and environmental improvements with Ashlea Ltd, Carnforth, under the terms of paragraph 16.2 of Contract Standing Orders.

5.0 **Access to Information.**

5.1 Available within the Department



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