

To: PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	Subject: Carlisle Road (A73), Bellside – Roundabout Construction
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT	
Date: 28 February 2005	Ref: HQ/TT/78/15/44

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek homologation of the action taken by the Convenor and Director of Administration to appoint a contractor to construct a new roundabout at the junction of Carlisle Road (A73)/ Bellside Road (B7029) and Carlisle Road.

2. Background

- 2.1 As an inter-urban distributor, the A73 carries a high volume of traffic particularly at peak times. Traffic from Bellside Road (B7029) and Carlisle Road have difficulty entering the main road as the dominant flow on the A73 leaves few gaps. Although subject to a 30mph speed limit over a short section few vehicles reduce their speed sufficiently and the fast moving flow creates further difficulties for traffic joining from the side roads.
- 2.2 The completion of this project will reduce speeds on Carlisle Road (A73) approaching Bellside and reduce queuing and delays on Bellside Road (B7029) and Carlisle Road.
- 2.3 The funding for this project is from the Planning & Environment Roads Management Capital Programme Budget for 2004/05 and 2005/06.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 The tender documents were issued to six contractors as follows.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Tender Amount After Checking</u>
RJ McLeod	£565,868.40
John McGeady Ltd	£595,567.90
Barr Ltd	£667,127.00
Border Construction Ltd	£738,655.00
Newlay Civil Engineering	Did not Tender
Amey Roads North Lanarkshire	Did not Tender

- 3.2 Including 10% contingencies the total project cost will be £622,455.24.
- 3.3 The Tender of £565,868.40 submitted by RJ McLeod has been consistently and competitively priced.
- 3.4 The works will be carried out on land wholly under the control of NLC.

4. Corporate Considerations

- 4.1 This project will contribute towards the Council's aim of improving road safety for road users and pedestrians which is one of the aims contained in the Promoting Community Safety & Development theme of the Corporate Plan.

5. Recommendations

5.1 It is recommended that Committee agree to homologate:

- a) The appointment of RJ McLeod as the contractor for the roundabout construction contract.



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