

To: PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (PROTECTIVE SERVICES) SUB-COMMITTEE		Subject: INSPECTION STRATEGY FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF CONTAMINATED LAND – APPOINTMENT OF SUB-CONSULTANT
From: DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT		
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the Report is to inform Members of the appointment of a specialist sub-consultant to assist in the implementation of the Inspection Strategy for the Identification of Contaminated Land.

2. Background

- 2.1 To comply with its statutory duty under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, North Lanarkshire Council is currently implementing its Inspection Strategy for the Identification of Contaminated Land.
- 2.2 At the meeting on 4 May 2004 the subcommittee gave approval to the Director of Planning and Environment to appoint a specialist sub-consultant, after a tendering process, to assist in progressing the implementation of the Strategy.
- 2.3 The sub-committee also gave the Director of Planning and Environment approval to retain the Babbie Group as Technical Advisors to the Council. As of 12 August 2004 The Babbie Group became a part of the Jacobs Group of companies and is now known as Jacobs Babbie.

3. Sustainability Implications

- 3.1 The implementation of the strategy is to ensure that land is suitable for its current use and to enable appropriate remediation action is taken where any site meets the definition of statutory contaminated land.

4. Considerations

- 4.1 Work is ongoing within the Pollution Control Section assisted by Jacobs Babbie to progress the implementation of the Strategy.
- 4.2 North Lanarkshire Council commissioned Jacobs Babbie to prepare, issue and assist in the award of a Tender to engage a specialist sub-consultant to provide additional resources to implement the Strategy.
- 4.3 The scale of the works comprises site reconnaissance visits and input of data to the Land Quality Management Database (LQMD); review of archive information and design, supervision and reporting of site-specific investigations.

4.4 Tender documents were issued to the following environmental consultants:

- ARUP
- Envirocentre
- Johnson Poole & Bloomer (JPB)
- Mason Evans Partnership
- URS

4.5 Five compliant tenders were received by the deadline of 1200 hours on 12 July 2004 and opened under standard procedures.

4.6 All tenderers completed and signed the pricing schedule. After a comparison of day rates submitted for specified areas of work, Mason Evans and ARUP were found to be higher than the rest and therefore not considered further.

4.7 In order to assess best value from the rates submitted by the remaining tenderers, a trial package of services was assessed. The trial simulates the nature and extent of services likely to be undertaken by the successful tenderer. The table below provides the results of the trial.

TABLE 3: Price Comparison on Trial Services				
		Envirocentre	JPB	URS
Reconnaissance				
Undertake 30 days of site work	Lead	8100.00	6750.00	7650.00
	Assistant	6300.00	4500.00	6150.00
And 10 days of LQMD Input		2700.00	2250.00	2250.00
Verification 1 day		270.00	350.00	275.00
Reprioritisation				
Undertake 10 days Reprioritisation		2000.00	2250.00	2100.00
Verification ½ day		132.50	175.00	127.50
Design of Ground Investigation				
5 day design		1400.00	1750.00	1275.00
Verification ½ day		135.00	175.00	137.50
Site Work				
1 week site supervision (6 days)		1170.00	1500.00	1260.00
Reporting				
1 Week reporting (5 days)		1400.00	1750.00	1275.00
Verification 1 day		265.00	350.00	275.00
EXPENSES				
400 miles		160.00	200.00	180.00
36 days lunch allowances	Included		108.00	Included
Car Hire	Included		Included	648.00
Site Allowance	Included		Included	330.00
Project Management				
5 days		1800.00	1750.00	1275.00
Project Direction				
2 days		900.00	800.00	590.00
TOTAL		£ 26,732.50	£ 24,658.00	£ 25,798.00

- 4.8. It can be seen from the trial that Johnson Pool & Bloomer has submitted the lowest priced tender and subsequently were appointed to carry out the required works.

5. Corporate Considerations

- 5.1 The actions reported are consistent with policy and there are no personnel, legal or property implications in the report.
- 5.2 The cost of all payments to the sub-consultants for work in progressing the Implementation of the Strategy will be fully funded by the Section 70 Scottish Executive Grant of £662,000 for the year 2004-2005.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 That the committee note the contents of the report and confirm the appointment of Johnston, Poole and Bloomer as subconsultants to carry out the required work.
- 6.2 Further developments in progressing the implementation of the Strategy will be reported in due course.

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