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| 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 | | |
| Date: 9 AUGUST 2005 | Ref: C/PC/TL/AD | |

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to request members to ratify 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 of 8 June 2005 the Planning and Environment Committee gave approval to the Director of Planning and Environment, in terms of the Council's contract standing orders, to instigate a tendering process with a view to appointing a specialist sub-consultant to assist in the implementation of the strategy.

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 to be taken where any site meets the definition of Statutory Contaminated Land.

4. Proposals / Considerations

4.1 Work is ongoing within the Pollution Control Section assisted by Jacobs Babtie to progress the strategy.

4.2 North Lanarkshire Council commissioned Jacobs Babtie to prepare, issue and assist in the evaluation of tenders to engage a specialist sub-consultant to provide additional resources to implement the strategy.

4.3 The scale of the work comprises site reconnaissance visits and input of data to the Land Quality Management Data Base.

4.4 Tender documents were issued to the following Environmental Consultants.

- ARUP
- W.S Atkins Consultants Ltd
- Envirocentre
- Mason Evans Partnership
- URS

4.5 Five compliant tenders were received by the deadline of 12 00 Hours on 22 June 2005 and opened under standard procedures.

- 4.6 All tenders completed and signed the pricing schedule. After a comparison of day rates submitted for specified elements of work, W.S Atkins and ARUP were found to be, in the main, considerably higher than the rest and therefore not considered further.
- 4.7 In order to assess best value from the rates submitted by the remaining tenders, a trial package of services was assessed. The trial simulated the nature and extent of services likely to be undertaken by the successful tenderers. The table below provides the results of the trial.

| Price Comparison on Trial Services | | | |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | Environcentre | Mason Evans | URS |
| Reconnaissance | | | |
| Undertake 65 days of site work | Lead | 17355.00 | 17550.00 |
| | Assistant | 13585.00 | 16250.00 |
| And 52 days of LQMD input | Lead (30) | 8010.00 | 8100.00 |
| | Assistant (22) | 4598.00 | 5500.00 |
| Verification 7.5 days | | 2550.00 | 2100.00 |
| | | | 2175.00 |
| Expenses | | | |
| 1000 miles | 400.00 | 500.00 | 450.00 |
| Photocopying – 500 A4, 100 A3 | included | 95.00 | included |
| Project Management | | | |
| 5 days | 1700.00 | 1400.00 | 1450.00 |
| Project Direction | | | |
| 2.5 days | 1125.00 | 1125.00 | 1062.50 |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>49323.00</u> | <u>52620.00</u> | <u>47907.50</u> |

- 4.8 It can be seen from the trial that URS has submitted the lowest tender.

5 Corporate Considerations

- 5.1 The actions proposed and the recommendations are consistent with policy and there are no personnel, legal or property implications in the report.
- 5.2 The costs of payments to the sub-consultants will be met by the Scottish Executive Contaminated Land Capital Grant.

5. Recommendations

- 6.1 That the Committee note the contents of the report and confirms the appointment of URS as sub-consultants 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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