

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: TENDERING EXERCISE TO EQUIP JOINT EQUIPMENT STORE	
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK			
Date: 28 FEB 2002	Ref: DW/DM		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT / INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This report seeks Committee approval to purchase essential items for the Joint Equipment Store based at Fern Street in Motherwell.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The Member/Officer Review of Equipment and Adaptations, reported to Committee in November 2000, recommended the creation of a Joint Equipment Store between Health and the Council. A suitable location was identified and renovation costs secured. Building work is currently on-site and expected to be complete in April 2002.
- 2.2. There are additional internal requirements to enable the Store to function effectively. These have been the subject of a commissioning exercise, the outcome of which is reported below.

3. PROPOSALS / CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1. There are 3 specific items to be procured. These are a washing facility; racking and shelving systems; and a forklift truck.
- 3.2. The Aquaphase washing facility will disinfect and clean the type of equipment provided by the Store including items as large as a hospital bed. At present cleaning of all equipment for the existing Social Work Store is provided via a private contractor at a cost of approximately £18,000 per annum. The Aquaphase is supplied solely by BES Rehab and no other equivalent washing facilities could be sourced. Internal Audit has been advised that this could not, therefore, be subject to a normal tendering exercise.
- 3.3. The Aquaphase has been inspected by representatives from Infection Control, Health and Safety and Tissue Viability from Lanarkshire Health Board who consider it to be safe and suitable for use in the Store.
- 3.4. The shelving/pallet racking systems and forklift truck are required to house and move equipment purchased by the Store. The present Health and Council stores are unable to purchase in bulk due to space limitations. These have been subject to tendering processes as required by the Council's financial procedures.

4. FINANCIAL / PERSONNEL / LEGAL / POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. The Aquaphase will cost £31,963 to purchase and will have recurring costs of approximately £1,500 per annum for service, maintenance and chemicals. This will substantially reduce the current recurring costs to the Council.
- 4.2. Tenders submitted for the racking/shelving systems were:

	Tender price
Barloworld	£14,250
Axis Industrial	£17,803
ESE	£22,605

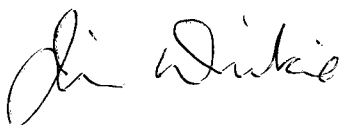
Tenders submitted for the Forklift truck were:

	Tender price
Fulton Forklifts	£7,450
Barloworld	£9,800
Lansing Linde	£8,500

- 4.3. Approval is sought to purchase the racking systems from Barloworld at a cost of £14,250 and the forklift truck from Fulton Forklifts at a cost of £7,450 with annual recurring maintenance costs of £700 for the later.
- 4.4. Close Circuit Television and an alarm system is also required. Advice is being sought from Housing & Property Services in this respect and will be the subject of a future report to Committee.
- 4.5. Resources for the purchase of the specified items can be funded from existing monies for community care.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1. Committee is asked to:
- (i) approve purchase of the specified items; and
 - (ii) otherwise note the contents of this report.



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