

To: Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board

On: 2 July 2021

**Report by: Joint Report by The Chief Executive and the Director of
Environment and Infrastructure**

**Heading: Contract Award: The Purchase of two (2) 18 Tonne Multi-use
Unibody Gritter Vehicles (RC-CPU-20-416)**

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board to award the contract for The Purchase of two (2) 18 Tonne Multi-use Unibody Gritter Vehicles to Econ Engineering Ltd as part of the Council's Vehicle Replacement Programme for 2021/2022.
 - 1.2 This procurement exercise was conducted as a direct award to contract for the Purchase of two(2) 18 Tonne Multi-use Vehicles to Econ Engineering Ltd under Lot 7 the Scotland Excel Framework Agreement for Heavy Vehicles (ref: 03/17) and in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts.
 - 1.3 A Contract Strategy was prepared by the Corporate Procurement Unit which covered the purchase of vehicles for the vehicle replacement programmes from 2018/19 to 2022/2023 and was approved by the Director of Environment and Communities (the predecessor service to Environment and Infrastructure) and the Corporate Procurement Manager in June 2018.
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2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board authorise:
 - 2.1.1 The Head of Corporate Governance to award a Contract for the Purchase of two 18t Multi-use Unibody Gritter Vehicles to Econ Engineering Ltd;
 - 2.1.2 The contract value of £234,088.64 excluding VAT.
 - 2.2 Note that if an order is placed with Econ Engineering Ltd before the 18th June 2021, Econ Engineering Ltd has agreed to delivery before the end of June 2022. Delivery will be made to the Council's Fleet Services, Underwood Road, Paisley.
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3. **Background**

- 3.1 As part of the vehicle replacement programme Environment & Infrastructure Services identified a requirement to purchase two x 18 tonne Multi-use Unibody Gritter Vehicles. In accordance with Standing Order 29.5 of the Standing Order relating to Contracts, the Scotland Excel Framework Agreement for Heavy Vehicles (ref: 03/17) Lot 7 was identified as the best option for this vehicle purchase.
- 3.2 Scotland Excel established a Framework Agreement for Heavy Vehicles (ref: 03/17) on 1st January 2018. The Framework Agreement allows for "Direct Awards" to be utilised where the Council can demonstrate best value for money.
- 3.3 Analysis of the Suppliers on Lot 7 of the Scotland Excel Framework Agreement for Heavy Vehicles (ref: 03/17) was undertaken. The analysis demonstrated that best value for money could be achieved by making a direct award for the purchase of these 2 vehicles from Econ Engineering Ltd. This analysis took into consideration the recent survey of other body and chassis vehicles previously supplied to the Council. Continuity in quality and reliability of previous vehicles provided by Econ Engineering Ltd have been aligned to a bespoke design by Econ Engineering Ltd aiding operational and safety requirements. Staff engagement has been important in the selection of these vehicles due to cab ergonomics and operational safety.
- 3.4 The costs for this Contract will be met from the Environment & Infrastructure Capital budget allocation for the Vehicle Replacement Programme for financial year 2021/22. It is perceived that the new vehicles will help to reduce escalating costs on the Council current ageing roads fleet.

- 3.5 Community benefits for this contract will be sought under the framework. Econ Engineering Ltd Limited have committed to providing the following:
- Business advice/support to an SME /Social Enterprise/ Voluntary organisation.
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Implications of the Report

1. **Financial**

The costs under this Contract will be funded from the Environment & Infrastructure Capital budget allocation for the Vehicle Replacement Programme for financial year 2021/2022

2. **HR & Organisational Development**

No TUPE implications for the Council have arisen or are anticipated.

3. **Community/Council Planning**

N/A

4. **Legal**

The procurement of this Contract was conducted in accordance with the requirements for a direct award under Lot 7 of the Scotland Excel Framework Agreement for Heavy Vehicles (ref: 03/17) and the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts.

5. **Property/Assets**

No property/asset implications have arisen or are anticipated

6. **Information Technology**

None

7. **Equality & Human Rights**

(a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because for example it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. **Health & Safety**
Econ Engineering Ltd health and safety standards have been assessed and evaluated by Scotland Excel to confirm they meet the minimum requirements regarding insurable risk.
9. **Procurement**
The procurement procedures outlined within this report shall ensure that the Council meets its statutory requirements in respect of procurement procedures, efficiency and modern Government.
10. **Risk**
Econ Engineering Ltd insurances have been assessed and evaluated to confirm they meet the minimum requirements regarding insurable risk.
11. **Privacy Impact**
No Privacy Impact Assessment requirements were identified within this procurement.
12. **Cosla Policy Position**
No Cosla Policy implications have been identified or are anticipated.
13. **Climate Risk**
The level of impact associated with provision of the supply of this product has been assessed by Scotland Excel using the Scottish Government Sustainability Test and is considered to be low risk.

List of Background Papers

None

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