



Belfast City Council

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| Report to: | Strategic Policy and Resources Committee |
| Subject: | Alleygates at Various Locations – Term Contract |
| Date: | 20 March 2009 |
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RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A pilot alleygating exercise over the last two years in five areas of the city (The Mount/Willowfield, Lower Windsor, Little Americas, Woodvale and Beechmount) has been successfully completed. These existing gates occasionally need maintenance work carried out them and a capital programme proposal has been submitted for potential additional gates in other areas.

KEY ISSUES

The establishment of a 3 (extendable to 4) year term agreement with a contractor will enable alleygates to be erected promptly as and when funding becomes available and will facilitate the carrying out of maintenance on existing alleygates.

A tender process has been undertaken and tenders were evaluated in accordance with BCC procurement procedures. The evaluation identified the most economically advantageous submission, on the basis of price and quality, as that presented by the Red Sky Group. The schedule of evaluations is attached as Appendix A to this report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Although a proposal for erection of further alleygates has been submitted for inclusion in the capital programme, no capital funding has been forthcoming and the proposal has not been approved as a “committed” project.

The establishment of a term agreement such as this would not commit the Council to any capital expenditure relating to the submitted proposal, but would establish a framework for advancing any gates as and when capital funding does become available. It would also provide a mechanism for payment of necessary maintenance carried out on the existing alleygates, the expenditure for which will be met from revenue budgets.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is requested to approve the establishment of a term agreement with Red Sky Group for the erection and maintenance of alleygates, subject to completion of formal documentation:

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Appendix A

Schedule of tenders received:

| Tenderer Name | Tender Amount * | Price/Quality Score |
|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Red Sky Group | £1,658,750.37 | 92.92 *** |
| Alternatives | £1,561,213.71 ** | 89.56 |
| Boyd Landscapes | £1,635,286.70 | 73.88 |

* Tender amounts based on notional expenditure per annum over 3 years term

** Lowest tender – price only

*** Most economically advantageous tender on the basis of price and quality

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