



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy & Resources Committee
Subject:	Duncrue Complex Fuel Storage Facilities and Associated Infrastructure Works
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Relevant Background Information

The existing fuel station at the Duncrue Complex has been in place for about 30 years and has reached the end of its operational life.

A proposal is included in the Capital Programme for the replacement of the fuel station, of which the storage tanks and the infrastructure for the fuel pumps and canopy form part.

At their meeting on 22 February 2008, the Committee asked for the possibility of the capital cost of the proposal being met by a private sector operator under a franchise agreement to be investigated.

Key Issues

Following a public advertisement only one expression of interest in providing and operating a refuelling facility was received; however, the submission was incomplete and there was no response to requests for further information.

An economic appraisal was commissioned to consider various options, including a shared facility and potential alternative locations.

The recommendation of the appraisal is that the Council proceeds with the provision and operation of the replacement refuelling facility on an "in-house" basis.

It is therefore proposed that the proposal proceeds to tender, with award being made on the basis of the most economically advantageous offer submitted in terms of cost and quality in accordance with BCC's procurement procedures.

Resource Implications

The budget for the replacement refuelling facility is £630,000 which it is intended to fund by means of a loan.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee approves:

1. the invitation of tenders;

and

2. application being made to the appropriate Government Department for sanction to raise a loan for the cost of the project.

Decision Tracking

It is anticipated that tenders will be invited in May/June to enable the works to commence in August after the construction industry holiday period.