

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE:	Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure
DATE:	18 January 2011
DIRECTOR:	Gordon McIntosh
TITLE OF REPORT:	On Street Parking Restrictions – Old Aberdeen, Seaton, Sunnybank & Tillydrone Areas – Tender Approval
REPORT NUMBER:	EPI/11/001

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee that the contract to implement the On Street Parking Restrictions comprising of signing, lining, ticket machine installations and minor footway works in the Old Aberdeen, Seaton, Sunnybank and Tillydrone areas is currently out to competitive tender and to request delegated authority for the Corporate Director for Enterprise, Planning & Infrastructure to award the contract to the lowest returned tenderer.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that:

1. The Committee approve delegated authority to the Corporate Director for Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure, after consultation with the Convener of Finance and Resources, Convener of Enterprise Planning and Infrastructure, the Head of Finance and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to award the contract provided the tender return is within 10% of the estimate for the works.
2. If the tender return is greater than the estimate of the works cost by a value in excess of 10% of the estimate value, the award of the tender be referred to the Finance and Resources Committee.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The University of Aberdeen is providing £600,000 to fund the implementation of the proposed measures as a result of the conditions attached to the approval of a Planning Application for the construction of a replacement building for the Queen Mother Library at its King's College Campus. Under the terms of the legal agreement reached

between Aberdeen City Council and the University of Aberdeen, any surplus monies over and above the cost to the Council for the design, consultation and implementation of the scheme is to be retained by the University of Aberdeen.

- 3.2 The most recent estimate for the implementation works currently out to tender including contingencies is £473,800. The estimated cost for the project as a whole including Aberdeen City Council staff costs during the design and consultation process, advertisement of the Traffic Regulation Order and Site Supervision costs is approximately £535,000.
- 3.3 At its meeting of 31 May 2010, the Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee approved the Traffic Regulation Order for the proposed parking controls in the Old Aberdeen, Seaton, Sunnybank and Tillydrone areas, and instructed that the implementation of the scheme be delayed in order to become operational just prior to the opening of the replacement Queen Mother Library in autumn 2011. As a result it is intended to commence works on site during April 2011 with the aim for the scheme to be complete and to “go live” during mid summer 2011. The Traffic Regulation Order which has been completed for the scheme is time restricted such that should the whole process not be completed by November 2011, the readvertisement of the order would be required. Failure to implement the scheme within this period will result in additional costs which would have to be borne by the Council.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There is a risk that the approved Traffic Regulation Order will have to re-enter the legislative process if it is not implemented within the statutory time of two years from the start of the public advertisement period.

5. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 5.1 Following the informal and preliminary statutory consultations carried out during 2008, the formal consultation process was undertaken and the outcome reported to the Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee in May 2010. The recommendation to approve the Traffic Regulation Order was upheld with the instruction that the implementation of the proposals be delayed by a period of 6 months.
- 5.2 Due to the required timescales for tendering, accepting and awarding the contract for the works, in combination with Committee deadlines and the programming of the works, it is considered necessary to request delegated authority for the Corporate Director for Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure, after consultation with the Convener of

Finance and Resources, Convener of Enterprise Planning and Infrastructure, the Head of Finance and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to award the contract to the lowest returned tenderer provided the return is within 10% of the estimated cost.

6. IMPACT

- 6.1 The City Challenges in the Community Plan (“Getting Involved” and “Being Informed”) yield clear links with the subject matter of this report.
- 6.2 In the Liberal Democrat / SNP programme for Aberdeen City Council – “Vibrant, Dynamic and Forward Looking” – there is explicit reference under the category “Transport” (point 7) to introducing parking controls where there is community support. The content of this report also meets with the local Community Plan objectives to continually improve road safety and maximize accessibility for pedestrians and all modes of transport.
- 6.3 There are links to the Single Outcome Agreement in terms of living life free of crime, disorder and danger and to live in well designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need.
- 6.4 Enforcement of any new traffic management measures, as referred to in the Single Outcome Agreement – National Outcome 9, whether waiting, parking or speed restrictions either by the Parking Office or Grampian Police requires a Traffic Regulation Order. The Traffic Regulation Order is the end result of the statutory process of consultation with Statutory Consultees and members of the public.
- 6.5 Consultation with local residents, businesses and Community Councils links to National Outcome 11 of the Single Outcome Agreement relating to community engagement.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Minute of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee meeting of 31 May 2010;

8. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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