

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Fuel Island Controllers Upgrade and 5 Year Maintenance Plan

Total Value:

£28,960.95 (Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

1: To award a contract to Triscan Systems Ltd for the upgrades required to the fuel island controllers and on-going annual maintenance for a period of 5 years

2: To dispense, in accordance with Financial Regulations 3.29, with the provisions of the contract procedure rules relating to seeking quotes (5.1.1)

Reasons for the Decision(s)

The Fleet Service within Neighbourhood Services is responsible for the management of fuel to all vehicle and plant assets belonging to the Council. Fuel tanks are located at three different depots (Eastcroft, Woolsthorpe and Clifton) and dispense several different fuels including Diesel, Gas Oil (Red Diesel), AdBlue and Hydraulic Oil.

Fuel Island Controllers (FICs) are devices installed between fuel tanks and fuel pumps which provide a secure means to identify, track and authorise fuel for allowed vehicles by allowed drivers.

As part of the Fleet Services Improvement Programme, new units have been identified which provide the following benefits; better controls and security including the ability to set access times and limit access to certain fuel products; reduced risk of fuel loss through theft, unauthorised dispensing or incorrect fuels being used; fuel tank leak detection; and better management information allowing future efficiency through improved driver behaviour and correct allocation of charges.

A robust fuel management system allows the Council to benefit from partners using our fuel and charging a management fee (for example charging and additional 3-4 pence per litre that covers the cost of the fuel management system and assets making the service broadly cost neutral).

The use of an alternative supplier is not viable as any other supplier would not be able to integrate with our current fuel management system - using another supplier in this case would require the complete fuel management system to be replaced and would be both disruptive and cost prohibitive.

Other Options Considered:

To not upgrade the existing fuel island controllers:
This would leave the council using aged assets with limited functionality. Fuel management technology has progressed significantly in the last five years providing increased security, better management information and reduced risk of loss through leaks or theft. Additionally, continued use of older equipment is likely to cost more to maintain and have increased downtime, creating pressure on essential services such as Passenger Transport, Streetscene, Highways and Domestic Waste.

Background Papers:

Published Works:

Affected Wards:

Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests: None

Any Information Exempt from publication: Yes

Dispensation from Financial Regulations: Yes

Exempt Information:

Description of what is exempt: Finance advice and a detailed breakdown of costs for parts and services from the supplier

An appendix (or appendices) to this decision is exempt from publication under the following paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because it contains financial data of contracts between the Council and external suppliers which may impact prices paid for future services.

Documents exempt from publication: Exempt Information for Fuel Island Controllers.docx, Finance Comments - Fuel Island Controllers.docx

Consultations: Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications: There are no crime and disorder implications

Equality: EIA not required. Reasons: This decision does not relate to a new policy, service or function.

Decision Type: Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In: Yes

Call In Expiry date:	24/04/2017
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement
Legal Advice:	The proposals set out in the report raise no significant legal issues and are supported. Advice provided by Malcolm Townroe (Legal Services Manager) on 12/02/2017.
Finance Advice:	This advice is exempt from publication and is contained within an exempt appendix Advice provided by Philip Gretton (Finance Analyst) on 22/02/2017.
Procurement Advice:	This report seeks approval, using clause 3.29 of the financial procedure rules on grounds of operational issues for a value below key decision level, to dispense with the requirement under clause 5.1.1 under the contract procedure rules to seek three quotes. As the fuel controllers must be bought from the same supplier as the fuel system to work, this proposal is supported and there are no significant concerns with this approach. Advice provided by Rosalie Parkin (Category Manager) on 10/02/2017.
Signatures	Nick McDonald (PH for Business, Growth and Transport)
	SIGNED and Dated: 13/04/2017
	Andrew Vaughan (Corporate Director Commercial and Operations)
	SIGNED and Dated: 11/04/2017
	Geoff Walker (Strategic Director Finance/CFO) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations
	SIGNED and Dated: 21/03/2017
	Chief Finance Officer's Comments: agreed for the operational reasons contained within the report