

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF WIRRAL

EXECUTIVE BOARD – 7 JUNE 2007

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

**NEW ARTS BLOCK AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE CITY LEARNING CENTRE AT  
RIDGEWAY HIGH SCHOOL – TENDER REPORT**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members of tenders received and to seek approval of the lowest tender.

1.2 Cabinet at its meeting on 25 April 2006 approved the Schools Capital Funding programme, which included funding for this scheme (minute 584 refers)

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

2.1 Following the completion of the purpose-built music and drama facilities and the City Learning Centre in January 2003 it is now proposed to carry out the following works:

- Provide a new single-storey purpose-built arts block to be located immediately adjacent to the Music and Drama facility.
- The installation of a mezzanine floor into the double-height space of the CLC to increase useable floor space.

2.2 This report seeks approval of the lowest tender received for the proposed works.

**3.0 TENDERS**

3.1 Tenders were invited from the following contractors and returned on 12 April 2007.

- Lockwood Construction, Bootle
- W H Snow Ltd, Liverpool
- Brighthouse Construction Ltd. Knutsford
- PT Ltd, Deeside
- E.J. Horrocks Ltd, Liverpool
- Triangle Building Ltd, Bootle
- Bluestone Ltd, Liverpool
- J & S Seddon (Building) Ltd, Stoke On Trent.

The submitted tenders are as follows:

No.	Contractor	Amount	Local Labour
1	E.J. Horrocks Ltd, Liverpool	£579,522.00	40%
2	Tender 2	£588,455.00	5%
3	Tender 3	£636,235.00	10%
4	Tender 4	£648,109.00	25%
5	Tender 5	£663,147.16	10%
6	Tender 6	£664,675.00	5%
7	Tender 7	£665,516.00	20%
8	Tender 8	£677,324.00	50%

3.2 All tenderers were asked to submit on a fixed price basis and include a contract period of 30 working weeks.

#### 4.0 FINANCIAL & STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Staff within the Technical Services Department will providing project management and CDM Coordinator services for the scheme. Denovo Design of Liverpool is providing architects services, Markhams of Liverpool is providing quantity surveying services, R W Gregory of Liverpool is providing mechanical and electrical design services and William Jones of Liverpool is providing structural engineering services.

4.2 The Corporate Procurement Support Unit have been consulted and are satisfied with the procurement process implemented for this project.

4.3 As all the tenders received exceeded the budget available the two lowest tenderers were asked to submit a detailed breakdown of their costs. A number of savings have been identified and agreed with the school. This work can be omitted from the tender without detriment to the quality of the scheme. The resulting tenders are:

- E.J. Horrocks Ltd £557,122.00
- Tender 2 £565,055.00

The third tenderer was not approached, as the original tender was more than £78,000.00 in excess of the budget available.

4.4 The total cost of the scheme based upon the lowest tender is:

- Building Works £557,122.00
- Departmental Charges including: -  
Professional Fees including Clerk Of Works Salary,  
Planning Supervisor and Planning & Building  
Regulation fees etc) £72,425.00

**Total £629,547.00**

4.5 The scheme will be funded from the following sources:

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| • Education Capital Programme 2007/2008<br>(Previously approved 2005/2006 & 2006/2007) | £500,000.00 |
| • Devolved Formula Capital and Specialist Grant  | £130,000.00 |

**Total**                      **£ 630,000.00**

## **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no implications in this report for equal opportunities in relation to women, ethnic minorities, or the elderly. Access will be provided for children and adults with disabilities.

## **6.0 PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Planning permission has been obtained for this scheme

## **7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 The design of this project will take into account best practice to reduce the risk of crime and the local crime prevention officer has been consulted.

## **8.0 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no human rights implications in relation to the works proposed by the scheme.

## **9.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 Thermal insulation is to be provided to meet the standards and guidelines recommended by the DfES in the school premises regulations 1996 and part L2 of the Building Regulations. The design will also follow the DETR/DfES guidelines for "Energy efficient design of new buildings and extensions for schools and colleges."

9.2 Low energy electrical fittings, heating controls and water saving devices will all be used as far as possible to help reduce the consumption of natural resources.

9.3 All timber used will be from sustainable sources regulated by the Forestry Stewardship Council.

## **10.0 ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT**

10.1 No other background papers have been used in the preparation of this report with the exception of the Architects file C17849 and the Quantity Surveyors working papers.

## **11.0 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 Ridgeway High School is located in the Claughton Ward.

## **12.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the lowest revised tender in the sum of £557,122.00 submitted by E.J. Horrocks Ltd, of Liverpool be approved, subject to the Contractor developing a satisfactory Construction Phase Safety Plan and completion of contract documentation.

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