



POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 8TH JUNE 2010

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF BT REDCARE FOR PROVISION OF SECURE FIBRE OPTIC CABLE FOR CCTV NETWORK
CONTRACT REF: CCBC/PS687/10/WT

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Scrutiny Committee of the outcome of the recent process undertaken for the appointment of BT redcare for the continual provision of secure fibre optic cable for CCTV Network, in line with Standing Orders for Contracts, Section 11.01.
- 1.2 The actions undertaken by Head of Procurement and Head of Corporate Finance (S.151 Officer) in awarding the contract to BT Redcare.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The request for the above was received from Howard Rees, Community Safety Manager.
- 2.2 CCBC maintains a network of 140 CCTV cameras sited in its towns and villages providing a public open space surveillance capability and service to protect and reassure its citizens. This CCTV service also records evidence of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour, which allows CCBC and Gwent Police to investigate incidents and provide evidence to the criminal justice agencies, with which they bring perpetrators to justice.
- 2.3 The provision of this service is one of the ways CCBC discharges its legal obligations under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act, 1998.
- 2.4 This network of CCTV cameras is linked to the CCBC CCTV Control Room by secure fibre optic cable, which is currently provided and maintained by BT Redcare.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 Under the EU procurement directives the provision for telecommunications services is labelled as an 'A' service and so would normally constitute an EU procurement process since the spend over the three years would exceed the EU threshold of £156,442.00 for services.
- 3.2 On this rare occasion there is only one supplier BT Redcare and no available alternative as they provide and maintain the fibre optic cables already installed. This service has to be purchased from this particular supplier to ensure compatibility with existing servicing arrangements. Consultant Redvers Hocken Associated have also confirmed there at present no suitable alternatives. Therefore a EU procurement process would not be suitable to conduct.

3.3 The equipment and infrastructure of the fibre optic cable network is unique to BT Redcare and Public Protection requested that the Authority continue the current line rental of the BT fibre circuits.

4. PROCUREMENT PROCESS

4.1 A single source fixed offer for 3 years was received from BT Redcare in accordance with the Authority's Standing Orders for Contracts as follows.

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Three Year Total cost</u>
BT Redcare	£362,875.56

4.2 The Authority's internal offices approved the necessary Insurance policies.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The annual rental rate for these services is £120,958.52. Total rental rate for the three year period equates to 362,875.56.

5.2 The financial implications of this fixed offer is that Caerphilly CBC will avoid the 10% scheduled increase in 2011/12 and any subsequent RPI increase in 2012/13. This amounts to a potential saving of over £12,000 for 2011/12 and for any RPI increase for 2012/13.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee note the information contained within the report and actions undertaken by the Head of Procurement and Head of Corporate Finance (S.151 officer).

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Background Papers: File Contract Ref: CCBC/PS687/10/WT
Standing Orders for Contracts
EU Procurement Directives