



Minutes of the meeting of the ENVIRONMENT CONTRACTS SUB-COMMITTEE of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on THURSDAY 8 JULY 1999 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Bristow, Burke, Edwards, O'Sullivan and Woodcock (substitute for Councillor Morsley)

Officers: T Smith (Highways Maintenance Engineer), S Griffiths (Principal Assistant Bridge Engineer) and J Shaw (Senior Committee Manager)

Apologies: Councillors Hopkins, Morsley and Pugh

EC1/00 ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED -

That Councillor Bristow be elected Chair of the Sub-Committee for the Council year 1999/2000.

EC2/00 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 10 March 1999 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

EC3/00 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED -

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting by virtue of Paragraph 9 (Contracts) of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 in order that the Sub-Committee may consider the following item:

Surface Dressing Works

SUSTRANS Cycle Network Contract

EC4/00 SURFACE DRESSING WORKS

The Chair ruled this an urgent item in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the reason that tenders had been returned above the level that could be awarded by officers and work was due to commence immediately on-site.

The Sub-Committee considered a report which detailed the tender received for surface dressing works.

RESOLVED -

That the tender from White Mountain Quarries Ltd in the sum of £257,818.25 for surface dressing works, be accepted.

EC5/00

SUSTRANS NATIONAL CYCLE NETWORK - CASTLETHORPE TO RIVER GREAT OUSE

The Sub-Committee considered a report which advised of non-compliant tenders received for the construction of the SUSTRANS Cycle Way from Castlethorpe to the River Great Ouse incorporating a cable-stayed feature river bridge.

The Sub-Committee noted that the scheme was at no cost to the Council and was being funded jointly by SUSTRANS and the Environmental Body Milton Keynes.

RESOLVED -

1. That both tenders received be rejected and the Strategic Director Environment be authorised to negotiate a contract, within the available budget with a specialist contractor for the design and construction of a bridge being mindful of ongoing future maintenance costs.
2. That the design and construction of a bridge be subject to not closing down any future possible access options to Cosgrove Park.
3. That the Head of Transport arrange to complete the works by June 2000 by the most cost effective means for construction of the cycle way either by incorporation with the bridge contract or by separate competitive tender.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.30 PM