

Report of the Director of Finance

Contract and Financial Procedure Matters - Addendum

SUMMARY

1.1 Addendum to Contract and Financial Procedure Matters report to approve a new capital scheme funded using prudential borrowing and waiver of contract procedure rules.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Approval is sought to:
 - add a new scheme to the 2006/7 Capital Programme to replace the weighing machine at the cattle market;
 - use £27,500 prudential borrowing to fund the scheme;
 - to waive contract procedure rule C15 under contract procedure rule C6 and not seek competitive tenders for the equipment.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Cattle Market has a live weigh machine for cattle. At the last inspection by Consumer Protection the machine was only just in the limits of tolerances allowed. The scale is 18 years old and has upwards of 300,000 animals pass over it.
- 3.2 In order to ensure that the machine is linked to the main computers at DEFRA (Animal Movements Regs), the auctioneers have requested that the software be installed at the same time which will enable the immediate tracking systems to take place online.
- 3.3 Prices have been obtained from specialist manufacturers for the installation of a new machine and software and the total cost will be £27,500. It is proposed that prudential borrowing is used to fund the project and the auctioneers have agreed to pay £3,560 per year over 10 years to cover the total costs of the equipment.
- 3.4 Members are requested in this instance to waive contract procedures and allow the specialist DEFRA approved software to be purchased from Newline as there are no other suppliers available.

3.5 The matter is urgent as any delay could result in the certificate allowing Derby to operate as a live weight auction market being withdrawn. This could result in the Council being in default of its lease and lead to compensation claims.

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. As set out in this report.

Legal

2. None.

Personnel

3. None.

Equalities impact

4. None.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. The recommendations create a new budget whose use is consistent with the Council's corporate objectives and priorities.