

CONTRACT FOR ERECTION OF FESTIVE LIGHTING

Report of the Director of Corporate Services

SUMMARY OF REPORT

1. This report requests that the Cabinet waives Contract Procedures Rule C15 and authorises the negotiation of a three-year contract for the erection of festive lighting in the City Centre and Normanton areas. The value of the contract in 2001/02 was £28 500.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Cabinet authorises the waiving of Contract Procedures Rule C15 and the negotiation of the contract for the erection of festive lighting for three years with Remco Lights Ltd.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. Remco Lights Ltd has won the annual contract in competition by a margin of between 23 and 29% for the last three years. It is considered that negotiation of a three-year contract will provide Best Value by reducing the costs of tendering and securing a known quality service at an economic price.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 The annual contract for erecting festive lighting in the City centre and Normanton and Peartree areas has been tendered annually. This is specialist work and there are few firms willing to tender. Remco Lights Ltd of Ilkeston has won the tender for more than five years; the last three years of which by a margin of between 23 and 29%. The value of the contract for 2001/02 was £28 500.
- 4.2 It is proposed to negotiate a three-year contract with Remco Lights Ltd for the erection of lights, commencing in 2002/03. This is considered a Best Value approach by reducing the costs of tendering, securing a known quality service at an economic price and providing an opportunity for better planning. Approval is sought to waive Contract Procedures Rule C15.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The contract will be negotiated on 2001/02 tender plus and appropriate index-based increase.
- 5.2 The costs will be contained within the revenue budget for Festivities.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6. None.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7. None.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8. None

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 9. None