

5. PROCUREMENT ARRANGEMENTS - SUPPLY OF INDUSTRIAL GAS AND BULK PROPANE

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Corporate Services seeking approval to commence tendering procedures for the procurement of a five year contract for the supply of industrial gas and bulk propane employing the evaluation methodology and criteria detailed in the report.

The report advised that the current contract was with three suppliers; these being Calor Gas Ltd, BOC Gases Ltd and Avanti Ltd. The contract had been awarded in May 2013 for a four year term therefore this was due to come to an end in April 2017.

The requirement would be advertised in accordance with the European Union Directives and it was proposed that the Open Procedures be used, whereby all suppliers expressing an interest in the contract would be invited to tender. A criterion of 70% for Price and 30% for Quality would be applied at the tender stage.

Sustainability and budget considerations were summarised in the report.

It was recommended that Council Executive approves :-

1. The use of the Open Procedure whereby all suppliers expressing an interest in the contract would be invited to tender; and
2. The award criteria as set out in the report.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report