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Report to:	Social Work Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	28 June 2006
Report by:	Executive Director (Social Work Resources)

Subject:	Tender for Stairlifts
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Provide committee with an update on the outcome of the tender process for the installation, servicing and repair of stairlifts

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that a 2 year contract be awarded to Advanced Stairlifts Scotland Ltd for the installation, servicing and repair of stairlifts for the period 1 June 2006 to 31 May 2008 with an option to extend for 1 year

3. Background

- 3.1. The Best Value Review of Equipment and Adaptations considered stairlifts as a significant element of spend for the Council in recent years. It was identified that the Council installs and recycles approximately 500 stairlifts per annum and has something in the order of 2,500 stairlifts in operation with South Lanarkshire service users. The total cost in terms of installation, servicing and repairing this significant resource is approximately £1.2m per annum.
- 3.2. The Best Value Review concluded that by using a single provider for the purpose of installation, repair and maintenance, economies of scale and efficiencies could lead to improved savings and allow the Council to respond to additional demand.
- 3.3. Five submissions were received and following evaluation 3 providers were invited to make presentations. It is recommended that the contract be awarded to Advanced Stairlifts Scotland Ltd as their bid represents the best solution in terms of both price and quality.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

5. Financial Implications

5.1. The costs of servicing this contract will be met within the existing resources allocated to Social Work Resources.

5.2. The Council will enter into agreement with Advanced Stairlifts Scotland Ltd for the monitoring arrangements that will apply throughout the contract.

6. Other Implications

6.1. The contract will enable Advanced Stairlifts Scotland Ltd to also take on responsibility for stairlifts managed by other providers and discussions will take place with Advanced as to how this will be achieved.

7. Consultation

7.1. Consultation has taken place with key stakeholders as part of the Best Value process.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives

- Creating Successful Communities
- Living in the Community
- Supporting Our Communities
- Delivering the Most Modern Services

Previous References

- None

List of Background Papers

None

Contact for Further Information

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