

Councillor Martin rejoined the meeting at the conclusion of the foregoing item of business and again assumed the chair.

EX122. THE HELIX: VISITOR CENTRE

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services recommending acceptance of a tender in respect of the Helix visitors building.

Details were given of proposals to build a complete visitor centre within the Helix. External funding had been secured to develop a visitor centre to be sited near the Kelpies within the Helix. Three contractors had been approached to tender for the construction of the centre which it was envisaged would be delivered for the launch of the Kelpies on April 17 and 18. One contractor did not bid and, of the two which were received, one was not considered to be competitive. The third, by Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering Ltd was recommended. External advice was obtained on the application of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations to the procurement exercise carried out. The approach was deemed to have been sound and the risk of challenge low.

Decision

The Executive accepted the tender by Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering Limited in the sum of £1,069,000.00 in respect of the Helix visitor building.