

21. SEWER GROUTING PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee considered a report on the awarding of a contract to City Care Ltd for an initial 12 months trial period for the chemical grouting of sewers to reduce overflows in wet weather, and ground water infiltration in dry weather.

The report provided background to the cost effective comparison between a Waste Management Unit developed and City Care Ltd operated sewer grout rig operation and an operation provided by a private contractor.

Cost comparisons with North Shore City Council and contract prices in Australia together with a quote from J B Pipelines were detailed.

The report concluded that the price offered by City Care Ltd was less than half of recent industry pricing and it was not considered that lower rates could be obtained by competitive tendering. In addition a contract with City Care Ltd would enable a degree of monitoring of sewer grouting quality, production performance and the ability for Waste Management Unit staff to obtain knowledge of other uses of the process that would be difficult to achieve under a competitively tendered contract.

The Committee **resolved** that an agreement be entered into with City Care Ltd to carry out sewer chemical grouting for a 12 month period in accordance with the prepared specifications and schedule for the provisional sum of \$544,518 excluding GST. Actual payment to be based on quantity of work completed at agreed contract scheduled rates.

(Note: Councillor Wright declared an interest in respect to this clause and withdrew from discussion and voting thereon.)