

## **7 APPOINTMENT OF SUPPLIERS OF SMARTCARDS (AN14-2012)**

Dundee City Council provides the 'lead authority' role for administering the National Entitlement Card (NEC) scheme on behalf of the Scottish Government and all 32 Scottish local authorities. The Council receives an additional grant from the Improvement Service to deliver a managed service to support council users and council developments, other potential users/developments, and to manage the third party contractors who provide goods and services to the NEC scheme.

Following a comprehensive tender evaluation of eight tenders submitted, involving officers of the Council and Improvement Service, the Committee is asked to note the appointment of Novacard Informationssysteme GmbH as the supplier of smartcards to the National Entitlement Card Programme for the next four years with the option to extend for a further one year.

External funding awarded to Dundee City Council to manage the NEC scheme will be used for the purchase of the smartcards, which is estimated to be £2,209,750 over the four year period.