2 DIGITAL WIRELESS PROJECT, CENTRAL WATERFRONT (AN99-2017)

As part of the Growth Accelerator grant funding from Scottish Government, Dundee City Council are committed to investing in digital infrastructure in the Central Waterfront. Working closely with Scottish Futures Trust (SFT), a timeline to have public Wi-Fi installed by summer 2018 has been agreed.

To ensure this proposal can be delivered on programme and prepare tender documents for the infrastructure and the mobile operator required to complete this task, SFT have employed a project manager to lead the project and have identified a suitable consultant to provide the necessary technical advice.

Farrpoint are the Scottish Government retained consultant for a wide range of projects throughout the country and they work with SFT on various public projects. The Council can access their services from the Scottish Government Network Enablement Services framework at pre-tendered rates and Farrpoint have offered to carry the necessary work for a fee of £20,550 plus VAT. This cost can be covered by the available Growth Accelerator funding.

Given the limited timescales available, the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Convener, Lord Provost and Group Leaders agreed to appoint Farrpoint to assist the Council and SFT to allow this project to advance on programme.

Committee is asked to note the foregoing for information.