

**REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 14TH MARCH, 2005**  
**REPORT ON: TENDERS RECEIVED FOR NEW PA SYSTEM FOR THE MAIN COUNCIL CHAMBER**  
**REPORT BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (SUPPORT SERVICES)**  
**REPORT NO: 191-2005**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To seek approval for the purchase and installation of a discussion/sound system for the Main Council Chamber.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 The offer from Auditel be accepted.

**3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The Depute Chief Executive (Finance) has confirmed that funding costs of £8,745.18 can be met from the Chief Executive's Capital Budget 2004/2005.

**4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None.

**5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The system includes an induction loop facility for the hard of hearing.

**6.0 FURTHER INFORMATION**

6.1 Following complaints from elected members and members of the public regarding the current sound system demonstrations of new systems were arranged. Those present indicated that the new systems were better than the one currently in use.

Tenders were received from two specialist suppliers who had systems in place in other local authorities and are detailed below.

Auditel Ltd, Gloucester, Glasgow	£8,745.18 (exc VAT)
Congress Systems Ltd, Edinburgh	£8,754 (exc VAT)

The Auditel System is digitally controlled and guaranteed for three years whilst the Congress System is an analogue system and includes the first year's maintenance.

**7.0 CONSULTATION**

7.1 Chief Executive  
Depute Chief Executive (Finance)

**8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 None

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