

REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 15TH MAY 2006

REPORT ON: REPLACEMENT OF SCHOOL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

REPORT NO: 309-2006

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval to accept a tender for the replacement of the School Management Information System.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee award the contract for the supply, installation and maintenance of an Education Service and School Management Information System during the period 1st June 2006 to 30th May 2008 to:

The SEEMIS Group, Hope Street, Hamilton, ML3 6AF

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost of awarding the contract to SEEMIS is estimated at £77,575 in financial year 2006/07 and thereafter £73,495 per annum, subject to inflation. The expenditure will be met from within the Education Revenue Budget for supplies and services.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 Tenders were received from the SEEMIS Group and Pearson/Phoenix in accordance with procedures agreed.

6.2 The two suppliers were invited to demonstrate their products to representatives of schools nominated by the department's MIS Strategy Group.

6.3 Sessions were also arranged for school clerical staff who operate the current MIS system to have hands-on experience of the two products.

6.4 A sub-group of the MIS Strategy group which included representatives from the Information Technology department evaluated the two products against a 49 point checklist of detailed requirements.

6.5 The findings of the various groups were reported back to the department's MIS Strategy group. The group concluded that the SEEMIS solution offered a better quality and a lower price.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 This report has been subject to consultation with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Chief Executive (Support Services) and the Head of Information Technology.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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