

REPORT TO: Policy and Resources Committee - 12 June 2000
Education Committee - 19 June 2000

REPORT ON: Purchase of Computer Facilities – Secondary Schools

REPORT BY: Director of Information Technology

REPORT NO: 396-2000

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek Committee approval for acceptance of the recommended tenders for the supply of computer networking facilities for Secondary Schools in Dundee.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee is recommended to :

- i) approve acceptance of the Tender ITD/2000/2 amounting to £84,390 from CRS Computers Ltd. for the purchase of I.T. equipment detailed in Appendix 1;
- ii) approve ongoing engineering maintenance costs of £ 2,500 per annum for the above purchases.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Equipment with a value of £ 84,390 will be funded from the Education Department 2000/2001 Capital Plan.

3.2 The annual recurring engineering maintenance costs associated with this additional level of capital purchases are estimated to be £ 2,500 in a full financial year. This level of expenditure will be met from within the 2000/2001 revenue expenditure for the I.T. Division.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 For the operation and maintenance of a wide range of I.T. equipment and support systems, consideration will be given in support of all service developments in line with the requirements of Local Agenda 21.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 During the implementation of I.T. equipment and services, ongoing consideration will be given to the Council's Equal Opportunities Policies in the preparation of any resultant new Divisional practices affecting I.T. staff duties and opportunities.

6.0 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 The Education Committee, at their June 1999 meeting (Report 398/1999) approved the Dundee Schools Computer Programme set out in that report.
- 6.2 The Committee authorised the Director of Information Technology to procure and implement that programme in all Schools.
- 6.3 The computer fileserver facilities in this report will be used to enhance teaching and learning in all Secondary Schools in the City.
- 6.4 Six companies were invited to submit tenders (ITD/NET/2000/1) for the equipment detailed in Appendix 1; five were received, details being as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Tender Amount</u>
CRS Computers Ltd	£ 84,390.00
Altor Ltd	£ 92,359.00
Computer technology Scotland Ltd	£ 93,960.00
Specialist Computer Centres Ltd	£ 95,594.30
Computacenter (Gcat)	£ 101,228.30

Of the five firms tendered the lowest cost tender is considered the most economically advantageous tender.

7.0 PROPOSAL

- 7.1 The successful tender recommended for approval is considered to be the most advantageous and represent the lowest cost option purchases at this time.

8.0 CONSULTATION

- 8.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Education and Director of Finance have been fully consulted in the preparation of this report and are in full agreement with its proposals.

NOTE

No background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report).

Acting Director of Information Technology Date

APPENDIX 1

ITD /2000/2

Product Description	Quantity
Compaq Proliant ML 530 Tower Fileserver	10
APC SMART UPS	10
ArcServe Backup software	10
10-Pack Backup Tapes	10