

REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 14TH JUNE 2004

REPORT ON: DUNDEE AIRPORT – TELEPHONE SYSTEM UPGRADE

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

REPORT NO: 434-2004

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report details costings received and requests a decision on their acceptance.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Acceptance is recommended of an estimate submitted by British Telecom, via Dundee City Council's Support Services Department for the upgrading of Dundee Airport's telephone system to the new Council standard, and its integration into the Council telephone network at a cost of £18,802.40.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 This expenditure will be financed from the Minor Works section of the airport capital expenditure programme 2004/5, which can accommodate the proposed works. Revenue maintenance costs for the new system will be generally comparable to those for the existing system.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6.0 REPORT

6.1 The Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) is currently negotiating a follow-up contract for new telephone installations at a number of out-stationed Council Departments, for the purpose of upgrading those installations and integrating them into the main Council telephone network.

6.2 The airport telephone system has been displaying a number of shortcomings, and is now being proposed for upgrading and integration into the Council network. This will produce significant benefits in telephone communication between the airport and other Council head offices, and reductions in call costs, as many calls would, in future, be conducted on internal extensions and not on outside lines. The new system would also provide capability upgrades that would be of benefit to the quality and flexibility of the telephone service provided by the airport.

6.3 Competitive tendering issues in respect of these works are being dealt with by the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services).

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) have been consulted on this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 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.

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DATE: 7TH JUNE 2004