

REPORT TO: Recess Sub Committee - 31 July 2000
REPORT ON: Schools Communications Equipment
REPORT BY: Director of Information Technology (Acting)
REPORT NO: 451/2000

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/NET/2000/2 amounting to £67,428 from NTL: for the purchase of I.T. equipment detailed in Appendix 1;
- ii) approve ongoing engineering maintenance costs of £ 2,023 per annum for the above purchases.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Equipment with a value of £ 67,428 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 £ 2,023 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 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 networking facilities in this report will be used to enhance teaching and learning in all Secondary Schools in the City.
- 6.4 Five companies were invited to submit tenders (ITD/NET/2000/2) for the equipment detailed in Appendix 1; four were received, details being as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Tender Amount</u>
NTL:	£ 67,428
Computer Cable Networks	£ 74,864.88
MMT Networks	£ 81,146.70
Computacenter (Gcat)	£ 91,875.18

Of the four 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).

Director of Information Technology (Acting) Date

APPENDIX 1

ITD/NET/2000/2

Product Description	Quantity
3Com Superstack II Switch 9300 : 3C93012	6
3Com Superstack II Switch 3300 : 3C16980	30
3Com Superstack II Switch 3300 XM Module : 3C16985	30
3Com Superstack II Switch 1000BASE-SX Module : 3C16975	30
3Com Superstack II Switch Matrix Cable : 3C16965	30