

REPORT TO: Policy and Resources Committee - 12 January 2004
REPORT ON: Purchase of Anti-Virus Software
REPORT BY: Head of Information Technology
REPORT NO: 46-2004

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Committee approval for acceptance of the recommended tenders for the supply of I.T. Anti-Virus Software for Corporate and Education sectors within Dundee City Council.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is recommended to:
- i) approve acceptance of the Tender ITD 2003-02 amounting to £21,170 from Foursys Ltd (Sophos) for the purchase of I.T. Software for Education sector detailed in Appendix 1;
 - ii) approve acceptance of the Tender ITD 2003-02 amounting to £29,385 from Phoenix Software (Symantec) for the purchase of I.T. Software for Corporate sector detailed in Appendix 1;

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Provision for software with a value of £ 21,170 will be made from the Education 2004/2005 Revenue Budget.
- 3.2 Provision for software with a value of £ 29,385 will be made from the I.T. Division 2004/2005 Revenue Budget.

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 I.T. Anti-Virus Software in the Education sector will be used to replace the existing Anti-Virus facilities and provide ongoing updated protection from computer viruses for the next three years.
- 6.2 The I.T. Anti-Virus Software in the Corporate Departments will be used to upgrade the existing Anti-Virus facilities and provide ongoing updated protection from computer viruses for the next three years.

- 6.3 Eight companies were invited to submit tenders (ITD 2003-02) for the Education software (3 year contract) detailed in Appendix 1; seven were received, details being as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Tender Amount</u>
Foursys Ltd (Sophos)	£ 21,170.00
Sec-1 (Sophos)	£ 23,520.00
Phoenix Software (Symantec)	£ 30,340.98
System Software Solutions (Trend)	£ 40,789.58
Computacenter (Symantec)	£ 41,194.00
MIS – Corporate Defence Solutions (Trend)	£ 43,905.31
Phoenix Software (NAI)	£ 83,073.53

Of the seven firms tendered the lowest cost tender from Foursys Ltd for Education software is considered the most economically advantageous tender.

- 6.4 Eight companies were invited to submit tenders (ITD 2003-02) for the Corporate software (3 year contract) detailed in Appendix 1; seven were received, details being as follows:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Tender Amount</u>
System Software Solutions (Trend)	£ 26,637.50
MIS – Corporate Defence Solutions (Trend)	£ 28,510.88
Phoenix Software (Symantec)	£ 29,385.00
Foursys Ltd (Sophos)	£ 41,950.00
Sec-1 (Sophos)	£ 46,000.00
Phoenix Software (NAI)	£ 51,075.00
Computacenter (Symantec)	£ 53,576.00

Of the seven firms tendered Phoenix Software (Symantec) is considered the most economically advantageous tender on the basis that it is a renewal of existing software licensing and would involve minimal implementation staff resources.

7.0 PROPOSAL

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

8.0 CONSULTATION

- 8.1 The Chief Executive and Depute Chief Executive (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).

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APPENDIX 1

ITD 2003 - 02

Product Description - Education - 3 year Contract	
Anti Virus Software for Workstations	4100 Licenses
Anti Virus Software for File Servers	62 Licenses
On site Consultancy / Training / Implementation	10 Days

Product Description - Corporate - 3 year Contract	
Anti Virus Software for Workstations	2100 Licenses
Anti Virus Software for File Servers	150 Licenses
On site Consultancy / Training / Implementation	10 Days