

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: FINANCE COMMITTEE - 11 DECEMBER 2000
REPORT ON: SHERIFF OFFICER SERVICES FROM 1 APRIL 2001 TO 31 MARCH 2004
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
REPORT NO: 751-2000

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the Sheriff Officer Services that have been negotiated with the Council's present Sheriff Officers, Messrs Christopher Lyall & Company and A A Hutton.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Council agrees to the above contracts being granted for 3 years from 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2004.

2.2 That the Council agrees to the Director of Finance having the discretion to extend the contracts for a further 2 years from 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2006, if he remains satisfied with the service being provided.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The effect of the recommendations contained in this report will be to maintain the level of service currently provided by the Sheriff Officers, whilst providing savings to the Council estimated at £32,000 per annum (based on the fees paid during financial year 1999/2000).

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

None

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

None

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 A survey of other Local Authorities was undertaken to ascertain the current market cost for Sheriff Officer services to ensure that any future remuneration negotiated was competitive and to the benefit of the Council.

The contract values negotiated with the current Sheriff Officers represents good value for money in the current market.

6.2 The Director of Finance has negotiated a reduction in fees payable to the Sheriff Officers estimated to be in the order of £32,000 per annum.

6.3 The Director of Finance specified the level of service required from the Sheriff Officers and they have committed to providing that level of service at the negotiated rates.

7.0 CONSULTATION

The Director of Support Services has been consulted in the drawing up of the contracts.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

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.

David K Dorward
Director of Finance

Date