

**REPORT TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE - 18TH AUGUST 2003**  
**REPORT ON: FIBRE RENTAL IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC SPACE CCTV - RENEWAL OF CONTRACT**  
**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**REPORT NO.: 519-2003**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 This report presents the outcome of negotiations for the ongoing rental of optic fibre lines linking CCTV cameras and the central Control Room and requests a decision on entering an agreement with Telewest Communicaitons Plc.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 Approval is recommended of entering into an agreement with Telewest Communications Plc, for the total sum of £163,591.50 over a 10 year rental period, subject to the approval of contract terms by the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services).

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The Depute Chief Executive (Finance) has confirmed that funding is available from the Economic Development Department's Revenue Budget 2003/2004. Allowance for future years' expenditure will have to be made in the appropriate budgets.

**4. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None.

**5. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None.

**6. FURTHER INFORMATION**

6.1 The existing agreement with Telewest Communications PLC for the rental of optic fibres to the Council's public space CCTV cameras expires in 2004.

6.2 Approval was granted by Committee in June 2003 to enter into a 10 year agreement for fibre rental with another supplier for 47 of the Council's 78 CCTV cameras. Enquiries with Telewest revealed that they would be prepared to offer a 5% discount on current prices for years 2-10 of a 10 year agreement in respect of a further 23 of the cameras. This would result in an overall saving of £7,708.50 over the life of the agreement.

6.3 The total cost over the 10 year period of the proposed agreement would be £163,591.50.

6.4 The cost per camera of the 10 year deal is considered fair and reasonable when compared with the equivalent service provided by two other suppliers.

**7. CONSULTATIONS**

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Depute Chief Executive (Finance) have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

8. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 No background papers, as defined in 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: 11TH AUGUST 2003**