

REPORT TO: Policy and Resources Committee - 12 February 2001

REPORT ON: National Grid for Learning (NGfL) - Primary Schools Networks

REPORT BY: Director of Information Technology

REPORT NO: 59-2001

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek Committee approval for acceptance of the recommended tender for schools communications equipment required for completing the rollout of the NGfL network to all Primary Schools within Dundee.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee is recommended to :

- i) approve acceptance of the Tender ITD/NET/2000/03 amounting to £39,761 from United Networks for the supply of network communications equipment for schools detailed in the Appendix.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost of the purchase and implementation of the additional network related facilities amounting to £39,761 will be met from the 2000/01 IT Network Revenue Budget.

3.2 There are no annual recurring costs associated with this additional level of purchases as the equipment is covered by a 5-year warranty with 24-hour advanced replacement.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 For the operation and maintenance of a wide range of I.T., Telecommunications 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 This network communications equipment is required to complete the National Grid for Learning (NGfL) network rollout and connection to the Council's Local Area Network and Intranet for the Council's Primary Schools.
- 6.2 Two specialist suppliers were invited to submit tenders (ITD/NET/2000/03) for this equipment one was received from

<u>Company</u>	<u>Tender Amount (Net)</u>
United Networks Ltd.	£ 39,761.00

The net tender amount includes an educational discount of £15,913.

7.0 PROPOSAL

- 7.1 The successful tender from the specialist supplier, recommended for approval is considered to be the most advantageous and represents the lowest cost option purchase at this time.

8.0 CONSULTATION

- 8.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance and Director of Education 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).

Interim Director of Information Technology Date

ITD/NET/2000/03

Product Description	Part No.	Quantity
Campus Star Chassis	CNS-700	1
Campus Star Management Unit	CNS-710	1
Campus Star PSU 240V	CNS-720	1
Chassis card	CLU-HR	11
Campus-HR Desktop HDSL modem	Campus-HR	27
10 Base-T Card	REX-HRS	38