

To: Environmental Services Committee		Subject: <b>Contract Standing Orders Preferred Supplier for Automatic Fuel Management System</b>
From: Director of Environmental Services		
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### Introduction

In 1996, North Lanarkshire Council inherited a number of different types of fuel management/dispensing systems. To date, these have been operated independently and are incapable of being integrated to increase levels of security and to provide fuel usage/management reports to a consistent standard. Furthermore, recent assessments carried out in relation to Year 2000 compliance for the existing IT systems has necessitated a rationalisation proposal.

### Proposal

Currently there are three automated fuel management systems operated at a number of geographic locations throughout the Council's area, viz. JMW Systems (Fortress), Meggit Electronics (Triscan) and Petromatic Securikay Ltd (Petromatic). Therefore, it is proposed to extend one of these fuel dispensing/management systems to depot locations to replace the other systems listed above. It is proposed to commence a conversion programme early in the new year in readiness for the millenium.

This proposal can be accommodated from within the current budget available to Transport Services and through the simplification of single systems operation, will ultimately provide higher levels of operational efficiency and security. In these circumstances, it is considered appropriate to utilise the relevant provisions of the Council's Standing Orders to obtain the fuel dispensing/management system compatible with and most appropriate to the Council's needs.

### Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee agrees:

- To the rationalisation of fuel dispensing/management systems.
- To the utilisation of the appropriate provisions of the Council's Contract Standing Orders.
- To the necessary purchase being made from within available financial resources.

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