

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT**

To: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: PROCUREMENT OF COMMERCIAL CATERING EQUIPMENT
From: HEAD OF FACILITY SUPPORT SERVICES		
Date: 28 th October 2014	Ref: GP/AH	

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek homologation of the action taken by the Executive Director of Regeneration & Environmental Services following consultation with the Convener of Environmental Services, in approving the use of a third party Framework Agreement for the procurement of commercial catering equipment.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The introduction of universal free school meals for all primary 1 to 3 pupils from January 2015 requires the procurement of additional commercial catering equipment to meet the increased demand for school lunches.
- 2.2 A Framework Agreement for commercial catering equipment held by Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO) which specialises in public sector procurement is open to use by all Scottish Local Authorities and will be utilised for this procurement.
- 2.3 Participation in this Framework requires a Framework Access Agreement to be signed and returned to YPO. Under Contract Standing Orders section 13.1.3 committee approval is required to enter into this agreement.
- 2.4 The advantages for the Council in using this framework agreement are that it is fully compliant with OJEU procurement regulations, it reduces the timescales to market, there is a choice of supplier, assured supplier standards and it provides best value to the council due to the benefit of larger discounts resulting from the aggregated spend.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There is no cost incurred to the Council in using the Framework Access Agreement.
- 3.2 Learning and Leisure Services have confirmed that capital funding from the Scottish Government will be available for the purchase of commercial catering equipment.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The committee are asked to homologate the decision taken by the Executive Director of Regeneration & Environmental Services following consultation with the Convener of Environmental Services in approving the use of the third party Framework for the procurement of commercial catering equipment.



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