

To: POLICY & RESOURCES (FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE)		Subject: TENDER REPORT: PROVISION OF MAINTENANCE OF NLC MAIN TELEPHONE SWITCHES ABC SCHEDULE : 63/01 PC/3
From: Director of Finance		
Date: 2 August 2001	Ref: AC/MG	

1. Purpose of Report/Introduction

The existing maintenance contract for North Lanarkshire Council's main telephone switches is due to expire on 30 September 2001.

2. Background

The Authorities Buying Consortium (ABC) on behalf of the Council placed an advertisement in the Herald inviting companies to tender for this service.

5 companies responded requesting tender documents, of whom 2 submitted completed tenders.

The contract period is for 3 years commencing on 1 October 2001 with an option to extend the contract period for an additional 2 years, year on year, at the sole discretion of the Council.

3. Proposals/Considerations

Tenders were received from the following suppliers.

<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Annual Cost</u>
Kingston Business Communications Ltd.	£41,100
Siemens Communications Ltd.	£52,213

After detailed evaluation including technical capability, accreditation's, quality assurance and cost, Kingston Business Communications Ltd. Has been selected

4. Corporate Considerations

Funding is contained within departmental budgets and I.T. Services Revenue Budget.

5. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee :-

1. Authorise the Director of Finance to enter into an agreement with Kingston Business Communications Ltd for a telephone switch maintenance contract for an initial period of 3 years commencing 1 October 2001.



Director of Finance