

REPORT

To: POLICY & RESOURCES (FINANCE) SUB-COMMITTEE	Subject: TENDER REPORT: PROVISION OF CONTRACT I.T. STAFF - CONTRACT EXTENSION	
From: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE		
Date: 23 September 2004	Ref: MG/PB/JMc	

1 Background:

North Lanarkshire Council currently has a framework agreement that allows the I.T. Services Division to call on the use of contractors to supplement existing resources during periods of peak demand.

The framework agreement commenced on 1 December 2001 for a period of 2 years until 30 November 2003.

The Council has the option to extend the contract period for an additional 3 years, year on year, at the sole discretion of the Authority.

It was agreed at the Policy & Resources (Finance) Sub-Committee of 9 September 2003 to extend the contract for a further 12 months to 30 November 2004.

2 Evaluation:

The operation of the framework agreement over the past 3 years has been highly successful.

Companies have consistently provided suitably skilled contract staff at or below the rates originally quoted and within the required timescales. This has allowed us to respond to service requests from user departments that otherwise would have led to delays in meeting their requirements.

During the period of the extension to 30 November 2004, I.T. Services invited all suppliers to adjust their previous rates. This was to ensure that favourable market rates were reflected in the contract and introduced an additional element of competition within the framework agreement.

3 Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Committee:

Authorise the Director of Finance to extend the existing framework agreement for a further 12 months until 30 November 2005.

