

To: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE (FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE)	Subject: TENDER REPORT EXTENSION TO COMPUTER OPERATIONS/SUPPORT CONTRACT
From: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	
Date: 24 November 2004	Ref: MG/RMCB

### 1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek authorisation from the Committee to extend the existing contract for COMPUTER OPERATIONS/SUPPORT.

### 2. Background

North Lanarkshire Council currently has a contract for COMPUTER OPERATIONS/SUPPORT, which commenced on 1 January 2002 and was awarded for a period of 3 years until 31 December 2004. The Council has the option to extend the contract period for an additional 2 years, year on year.

### 3. Evaluation

3.1 The COMPUTER OPERATIONS/SUPPORT contract has been running very successfully over the initial 3-year term with no serious problems encountered and an excellent level of service provided. The cost of extending the contract reflects a rate of increase less than the accumulated Retail Price Index (RPI) over the initial term of the contract and as such remains a highly cost effective option. The annual charge for this contract rises from £255,200 to £263,622 an increase of £8,422 and is contained within the I.T. Services revenue budget.

3.2 After consultation with the Convener, and in accordance with the delegations given to the Director of Administration, the extension of the contract for 1 year until December 2005 is being progressed.

### 4. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Sub-Committee: -

4.1 Note the action taken by the Director of Administration.



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Director of Finance