

AGENDA ITEM No. 15: NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE (FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE)	Subject: ICT SERVICE DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP TENDER EXERCISE - UPDATE REPORT
From: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	
Date: 29 April 2005	Ref: MG/RMCB

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on progress to date on the current tendering exercise to select an ICT Service Delivery Partner to deliver a range of ICT services to all Council departments.

2. Background

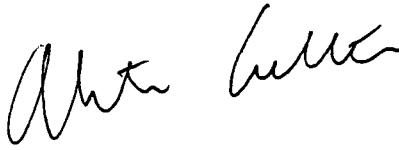
- 2.1 North Lanarkshire Council currently has a number of ICT service contracts with a range of different suppliers. As each of these contracts has come up for extension the Committee has approved an extension period that brings their termination date to 31 December 2005. This has been done to maximise the potential for future revenue savings by exploiting the cost efficiencies of combining a number of individual contracts into a single ICT Service Delivery Partnership.
- 2.2 The contract term for the ICT Service Delivery Partnership will be for a period of 4 years commencing on 1 January 2006 until 31 December 2009 with the option to extend to a maximum of an additional 3 years at the Council's sole discretion.
- 2.3 36 companies returned a completed questionnaire to the Authorities Buying Consortium. Of these, 27 companies selected to bid for 1 or more of the Service Modules and 32 companies selected to bid for 1 or more framework agreements.
- 2.4 After a detailed examination of the returned questionnaires including a check on the companies financial standing tender documentation will be issued through the Authorities Buying Consortium as follows:
- 10 companies received tender documentation for service modules 1 to 6.
2 companies received tender documentation for service module 6 only.
28 companies received tender documentation for 1 or more of the 5 framework agreements.

3. Progress

- 3.1 In total, tenders have been received from 20 suppliers, with 5 suppliers declining to bid and a further 6 suppliers failing to return the tender documentation.
- 3.2 A detailed evaluation of all the tenders will now take place and a further report will come to this committee in due course.

4. Recommendation

The committee are asked to note the progress to date.

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