

To: POLICY & RESOURCES (FINANCE) SUB-COMMITTEE		Subject: TENDER REPORT: PROVISION OF CONTRACT I.T. STAFF – CONTRACT EXTENSION
From: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE		
Date: 24 October, 2005	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 November 2004 to extend the contract for a further 12 months to 30 November 2005.

2 Evaluation

The operation of the framework agreement over the past 4 years has been highly successful and continues to be economically advantageous to the Council.

Companies have consistently provided suitably skilled contract staff 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.

Under the terms of the existing contract this will be the final extension allowable. IT Services will review their requirements for contractors prior to the termination of the proposed extension. The fulfilment of any requirements in this area will take into account any arrangements that may be in place via the collaborative buying initiative (e:procurement) currently being implemented by the Finance Department.

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 2006.



Director of Finance