

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT**

To: POLICY & RESOURCES (FINANCE AND CUSTOMER SERVICES) SUB-COMMITTEE		Subject: PROPOSAL TO EVALUATE AND PROCURE A WEB FILTERING SOLUTION FOR BOTH THE CORPORATE & SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS
From: HEAD OF REVENUE & E-GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS		
Date: 01 Feb 2017	Ref: WebFilter/GR/BC	

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- Propose to committee that the Council enter into an evaluation and procurement process to identify a supplier for Web Filtering equipment and services.

2. Background

2.1 Web Filtering is both an integral requirement for providing a secured online working environment and a requirement in protecting our user communities from harm.

2.2 The Council has traditionally sourced equipment and services to fulfil these requirements for the Education and Corporate environments separately.

2.3 Following organisational changes, and associated underlying technology changes, there is now an opportunity to consider delivery of these services in a holistic manner.

2.4 Changes in delivery methods and growth in internet consumption by both Corporate - consuming cloud based services, and Education - exploiting the availability of on-line curricula, has led to a substantial growth in use and dependence upon internet services and hence web filtering services by association.

2.5 The approximate size of the current estates are shown below:

	Devices
Corporate	7,000
Schools	20,000
Public Access Computing	500

2.6 Below details the current status of solutions to be aggregated into this exercise:

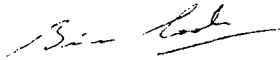
- Corporate web filtering is out of contract in March 2018
- The Schools web filtering is due for renewal on 1st Feb 2018
- The Public Access Computing "PAC", Web Filtering service is due for renewal on 1st Feb 2018

2.7 It is estimated that the overall value of this engagement will be in the region of £350k over the 5 year contract period.

3. Recommendations

3.1 It is recommended that committee

- Note the contents of this report;
- Approves that REGS undertake market evaluation through an ITT to seek a supplier relationship for a period of three years, with the option to extend for two further years.



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