

FINANCE AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

11th MARCH 2003

UPGRADE/ENHANCEMENT OF CORPORATE IT INFRASTRUCTURE

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

ABSTRACT

This report recommends the procurement of replacement computer servers to enhance the corporate IT infrastructure by replacing existing servers at strategic geographic Council sites.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to approve the procurement of equipment through the Council's existing Computer Equipment Procurement Framework arrangements at a cost of £35,000.

2. BACKGROUND

The Finance and Information Technology Committee at its meeting of 3rd September 2002 considered report 1057/02 (Microsoft Windows 2000 Implementation) which detailed the major work which the Department planned to undertake to ensure the currency and support of the Council's infrastructure. The work involved included the replacement of a number of computer servers to enable the hosting of the appropriate software.

3. CURRENT POSITION

As the detailed planning of the Windows2000 implementation has proceeded it has become apparent that the planned replacement of a number of key servers dealing with electronic mail, user authentication and other functions could be accommodated within the project plan. Such a move would help to minimise the disruption of service across the network by effectively combining the two projects.

The principal sites which could benefit from such a decision are Dewar House, Bruce House and Ravenswood. In addition to minimising future disruption during the upgrading process these site will also be able to benefit from the enhancements in performance earlier.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated cost of the proposed replacements is £35,000 and this can be met from the existing balances within the Information Technology Renewals and Repairs Fund.

5. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive and the Directors of Finance and Law and Administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human rights implications arising from this report.

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NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.