

RESOURCES AND CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – 21st OCTOBER 2004

ADDITIONAL HARDWARE FOR REVENUES I-WORLD

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

ABSTRACT

This report advises the requirement to procure additional hardware for the Revenues Division I-World application

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee is recommended to approve the allocation of £16,000 from current balances in the IT Repairs and Renewals fund for the supply of hardware to upgrade systems in the Revenues Division.

2. BACKGROUND

The Committee will be aware that previous reports have highlighted the significant and on-going legislative changes in benefits administration.

The Councils software supplier (SX3) are due to release version 5.7.0 of the software at the end of November 2004. This version caters for all the latest legislative changes which must be fully tested and implemented prior to Council Tax billing for 2005/06 due to commence in February 2005.

However SX3 have notified the Council of a requirement to up-grade the underlying database software and that additional disk space has to be made available on the server running version 5.7.0 of the software.

Accordingly the Council has no option other than to make additional disk space available in order that software testing can commence.

3. PROPOSED ACTION

It is proposed to purchase an additional disk array with 6 disks from Sun Microsystems to provide the space required. This solution will provide sufficient space to accommodate the immediate needs and also provides a low cost option for any future expansion that may be required.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total cost of the hardware required is £16,000 which can be contained within existing uncommitted balances within the IT Repairs and Renewals fund account.

All recurring annual costs will be met from within existing finance revenue budgets.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS

There are no direct human rights implications arising from this report.

6. CONSULTATION

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