

ANGUS COUNCIL

RESOURCES AND CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – 3 FEBRUARY 2005  
ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 8 MARCH 2005

COMPUTERISED WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

JOINT REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND THE DIRECTOR  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

**ABSTRACT**

This report seeks approval to replace the existing waste management computer system and associated hardware at Lochhead landfill site.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Resources and Central Services Committee is recommended to

- a) approve the allocation of £20,000 from existing balances in the Information Technology Repairs and Renewals Fund to procure a replacement waste management computer system;
- b) approve the commencement of a tendering exercise for this purpose in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations; and
- c) authorise the Directors of Information Technology and Environmental & Consumer Protection in consultation with the Director of Finance to accept the most economically advantageous tender.

The Environmental and Leisure Services Committee is recommended to note the action being taken to address the issues relating to the computer system at the landfill site.

**2. BACKGROUND**

Environmental and Consumer Protection currently utilise a computer system designed to manage the commercial aspects of waste disposal at the Lochhead Landfill site. The existing system was purchased in February 2000 and has been operated on a single site basis. An internal audit report on Landfill Tax identified areas of weakness in the existing process some of which related directly to the functionality and performance of the computer system. Despite extensive discussions the supplier has not effected any changes to the software and the plans for future software releases do not address all of the outstanding issues. As a result the second revision of the audit action plan recommends that a tendering exercise is progressed as a matter of urgency so that a suitable replacement product can be found.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of procuring the hardware, software and installation services is estimated at £20,000. This cost can be contained within the current balances of the Information Technology Repairs and Renewals Fund.

All recurring costs will be contained within the Environmental and Consumer Protection Department's revenue budget and these along with the details of the successful tender will form the basis of a future committee report.

**4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

There are no Human Rights issues arising from this report.

## **5. CONSULTATION**

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

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**Director of Information Technology**

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**Director of Environmental & Consumer Protection**

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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 this report.