

ANGUS COUNCIL

RESOURCES AND CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – 3 MAY 2005
ENVIRONMENTAL AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 7 JUNE 2005

UPGRADE TO DYNIX AUTOMATED LIBRARY SYSTEM

JOINT REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND
THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This report seeks approval to upgrade the existing Dynix Automated Library System within the Libraries.

1 RECOMMENDATION

The Resources and Central Services Committee is recommended to

- a) approve the upgrade to the Dynix Automated Library System at cost of £107,328; and
- b) agree that the procurement should be exempt from competitive tendering in terms of criteria 16.3.2 (c) of the Council's Financial Regulations because of the long-standing relationship with the supplier.

The Environmental and Leisure Services committee is recommended to note the content of this report.

2 BACKGROUND

Angus Council has used Dynix since 1991, during which time it has proved a robust product and overall the performance has been very good. Leisure Services have identified a need to upgrade the Dynix system in their current service plan to improve the quality and consistency of the service provided, giving consistent content and presentation on the back office and customer interfaces. The enhancements provided also include functionality that will allow the system to conform to future council plans for Smartcard and e-Procurement. In addition several enhancements are included for the current iPac and oPac public access catalogues.

Whilst other market providers do exist it is considered that matters such as ability to deliver within the required timescale, system compatibility issues, significant staff training requirements, potential comparative system reliability issues, product support standards etc are matters, which cannot be over emphasised. Dynix has a proven high standard of service delivery within the Council but the other potential systems are untried within the Council and accordingly an element of risk would be attached to a transfer from the current highly satisfactory supplier.

A competitive discount offer amounting to £36,200 has been negotiated and this reinforces the value for money assessment. The discount negotiated reduces the software upgrade costs to £35,255, Professional Services to £12,000 and Training and Installation costs to £15,000. As the existing Dynix catalogue data is in an unformatted condition, Data Migration costs of £21,500 include £12,000 for conversion to MARC21 data format enabling compliance with the standard necessary for the upgraded Dynix system import requirements. Hardware costs have been limited to £23,573.

The Council's Financial Regulations make specific provision at 16.3.2(c) to permit contracts to be exempted from normal tendering procedures where a long-standing agreement with a supplier is considered to be advantageous to the Council. The Council's Exemption Co-

ordinator has been consulted regarding this proposal and has concluded that the request merits exemption from normal tendering procedures.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

The cost of procuring the hardware, software, training and professional services will be £107,328. This cost can be contained within the current balances of the Information Technology Repairs and Renewals Fund. Annual recurring costs are similar to the existing system and can be contained with existing Leisure Services revenue budget.

4 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights issues arising from this report.

5 CONSULTATION

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