WIRRAL COUNCIL

COUNCIL EXCELLENCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE - CENTRAL PROCESSORS

1   EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1   This Committee on 8 July 2010 received a report setting out the strategy for the replacement of the central IT processors and noting the outcome of the procurement process for the first phase of equipment acquisition.

1.2   This report informs Committee of the outcome of the process to acquire the second and final phase of the processor replacement strategy.

2   BACKGROUND

2.1   Cabinet on 15 July 2004 approved the purchase of hardware in support of the then Core IT Systems including central (application and database) processors and the establishment of a Storage Area Network (SAN) with an expected service life of five years.

2.2   Cabinet on 5 February 2009 and 23 July 2009 approved the replacement of the SAN.

2.3   The meeting of this Committee on 8 July 2010 noted the acquisition of two Sun T5220 and two Sun M4000 processors as the first phase of the central server replacement strategy.

2.4   This report informs Committee of the outcome of the second and final phase of the strategy.

3   PROCUREMENT PROCESS AND TENDER OUTCOME

3.1   The procurement process for two M5000 processors or equivalent (with a trade-in allowance for the outgoing processors), implementation services and one year's support and maintenance was agreed with the Procurement Unit.

3.2   Tenders were invited via the Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO) framework tender process which meets Council procurement rules and European public sector procurement legislation.

3.3   18 companies were invited to submit tenders, of which compliant tenders were received from two companies

3.4   Tenders were evaluated and scored against agreed criteria which included elements for cost (60%) and quality (40%).

3.5   The outcome of the evaluation is that a tender from SCC in the sum of £148,031.58 has been accepted.

3.6   The result of the tender process is shown in an exempt appendix.

4   FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1   The processors and implementation services have been purchased at a cost of £157,830.10 with one year's support and maintenance costing a further £15,406.48, a total of £173,236.58. Against this sum, SCC has allowed a trade in value of £25,205.00 against existing decommissioned equipment leaving a net cost of £148,031.58.

4.2   Following the installation and commissioning of the M5000 processors the out-going E6900 processors will yield further value.

4.3   The purchase cost will be financed in the most advantageous way, either leasing or capital. Support and maintenance will be financed from the IT Services revenue budget.

4.4   Comparative five year life costs for the previous and new configurations of SAN and processors are as follows:

Component	2004 on	2009/ 10 on	Funding
	£000	£000	
Hardware	1,746	1,093	Capital/ lease
Support and maintenance	934	499	Revenue
Total	2,680	1,592	

5   EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1   There are no equal opportunity implications.

6   COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

6.1   There are no community safety implications.

7   LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

7.1   The new processor estate will reduce power consumption in the data centre rooms.

8   PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

8.1   There are no planning implications.

9 ANTI-POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no anti-poverty implications

10 SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no social inclusion implications

11 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no local Member support implications

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1 Tender documents.

13 RECOMMENDATION

13.1 That the action of the Director of Finance in awarding the contract to SCC in the sum of £173,236.58 less £25,205 trade-in value against existing equipment be noted.

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