REPORT TO: Recess Sub-Committee - 16 July 2001

REPORT ON: Purchase of Computer Facilities - Education - Tenders

REPORT BY: Head of Information Technology

REPORT NO: 443-2001

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek Committee approval for acceptance of the recommended tender for the supply of additional computer facilities for Dundee Secondary Schools.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is recommended to:
 - i) approve acceptance of the Tender ITD/2001/05 amounting to £ 32,033.00 from CRS Computer Services for the purchase of I.T. equipment detailed in Appendix 1;
 - ii) approve ongoing engineering maintenance costs of £ 961 per annum for the above purchases.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Equipment with a value of £ 18,813.00 will be funded through the Dundee City Council Insurers.
- 3.2 Equipment with a value of £ 13,220.00 will be funded through the Education Revenue budget for supplies and services.
- 3.2 The annual recurring engineering maintenance costs of £ 961 will be met from the Revenue expenditure for the I.T. Division.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 For the operation and maintenance of a wide range of I.T. equipment and support systems, consideration will be given in support of all service developments in line with the requirements of Local Agenda 21.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 During the implementation of I.T. equipment and services, ongoing consideration will be given to the Council's Equal Opportunities Policies in the preparation of any resultant new Divisional practices affecting I.T. staff duties and opportunities.

6.0 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 The computer related facilities in the Education Department will be used to replace fire damaged File Servers within Morgan Academy and upgrade the file server provision throughout all ten secondary schools within the Council.
- 6.2 Six companies were invited to submit tenders (ITD/2001/05) for the equipment detailed in Appendix 1; five were received, details being as follows:

Company	Tender Amount
CRS Computer Services	£ 32,033.00
Altor ICM	£ 35,035.00
Computer Technology (Scotland) Ltd	£ 35,699.00
SCC	£ 38,001.84
Sx3 (Microcentre)	Incomplete

Of the five firms tendered the lowest cost tender is considered the most economically advantageous tender.

7.0 PROPOSAL

7.1 The successful tender recommended for approval is considered to be the most advantageous and represent the lowest cost option purchases at this time.

8.0 CONSULTATION

8.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance and the Director of Education have been fully consulted in the preparation of this report and are in full agreement with its proposals.

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.

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APPENDIX 1

ITD/2001/05

Product Description	Quantity
Compaq Proliant ML 530 P IIII 1GHz File Server	2
Compaq Proliant ML 370 P IIII 1GHz File Server	1
APC smart UPS	3
36GB Ultra 3 SCSI 1" Hard Disks	20