REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 23 NOVEMBER 2009

REPORT ON: TENDERS VIA OGC (OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT COMMERCE) MOBILE

SOLUTIONS FRAMEWORK

REPORT BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (SUPPORT SERVICES)

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report details tenders obtained and requests a decision on acceptance thereof.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 Approval is recommended of (1) the acceptance of the tender submitted by the undernoted provider and (2) the undernoted annual amount for the contract.

Contract Description	Provider	Tender Amount	Total Amount	Finance Available
Mobile Communications Services	T-Mobile	£143,000	£143,000	£143,000

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Director of Finance has confirmed that funding for the above project is available as detailed on the attached sheet.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The providers have been evaluated both from the point of view of costs and value for money, and also the ability to provide data services to facilitate the development of flexible and mobile working practices. Also examined was the scope for integration of the Council's fixed and mobile technology.
- 4.2 T-Mobile are the Council's current mobile provider and by remaining with them, the Council will save the unnecessary work involved in changing to another provider and temporary loss of service when numbers are ported.
- 4.3 The conclusion reached by the Council's Project Team which included representation from Tayside Procurement Consortium is that the Council's preferred provider for mobile communications should be T-Mobile.
- 4.4 Because of the pace of change in this technology, it is considered that the optimum period for any contract should be two years. The Council would have the option to extend that period at the end of two years if it was considered at that time to be in the best interests of the Council to do so.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty and Equality Impact Assessment. There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Finance and Head of Information Technology have been consulted on this report.

8.0	FURTHER INFORMATION			
8.1	Detailed further information relating to the above tenders is included	er information relating to the above tenders is included in the attached sheet.		
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None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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CLIENT	SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT	
PROJECT PROJECT INFORMATION	Tender for Mobile Communications Services Provision of Mobile Phone Contract for Elected Members and Staff	
TOTAL COST	£143K per annum	
FUNDING SOURCE BUDGET PROVISION & PHASING ADDITIONAL FUNDING	Departmental Revenue Budgets 2009/2011	
REVENUE IMPLICATIONS	As per total cost	
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	None	
TENDERS	Tenders were obtained from 4 mobile providers as follows:- Providers Vodafone Network Tariff Vodafone Teamwork Tariff T-Mobile C2 S154,137 Orange Cat 1 Tariff C173,893 Orange Cat 2 Tariff C73,000 Orange Cat Multi-Caller S200,930	
RECOMMENDATION	It is recommended that T-Mobile be awarded the contract to provide the City Council with Mobile Telecommunications Services for a two year period commencing on 1 December 2009.	

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CLIENT	SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT	
ALLOWANCES	None	
SUB-CONTRACTORS	None	
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None	