

10 PROPOSED CHANGES TO HOME COMPUTING INITIATIVE (HCI) PROVIDER (AN365-2005)

Reference is made to Article III of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 17 January 2005 where approval was given for the implementation of a HCI scheme for Dundee City Council employees. This scheme was very successful, with 1,352 employees (17%) ordering computer equipment. Employees were able to procure computing equipment net of Income Tax, National Insurance and VAT during the six week ordering period that the scheme was available.

To minimise Council costs and administration, the scheme will be made available to employees in twice-yearly, six week long ordering periods.

Since Dundee City Council tendered for the above scheme in January 2005, the Scottish Executive has launched a national HCI Framework Agreement. Any Scottish public sector body can take advantage of the greater procurement buying power of the national Framework Agreement. Employees will be able to obtain computer equipment at the lowest competitive cost and future administration will be reduced.

The Assistant Chief Executive (Management) and the Depute Chief Executive (Finance) request approval from the Committee to utilise the Scottish Executive HCI Framework over the next three years.