

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE	Finance & Resources
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DIRECTOR	Stewart Carruth
TITLE OF REPORT	Libraries Network
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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The main purpose of this report is to request continuation of circuit requirements for the Aberdeen City Council, Library Network.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 1) The committee approves to go to tender via the Government Procurement Service, Framework Agreement: PSN Connectivity, Contract ID – RM870.
- 2) The committee authorises the estimated expenditure over a 3 year period, with possibility of a further 2 year extension.

### 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Expenditure will be in accordance with the Council's approved Revenue Budget.

It is anticipated that annual circuit rental costs will be around £60,000 per annum which will be an anticipated saving of £28,000 from Year 2.

### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

This project is being managed in accordance with corporate management guidelines with risks managed within that framework.

It will provide public and corporate users with an uninterrupted network performance and a platform for increased capacity in the future. This improves the service offered by Libraries and encourages service use.

### 5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

There are currently 12 networked branch libraries connected via BT point-to-point Ethernet Extension Circuits, which were installed in 2008.

The current circuit rental contract is in its final year and due to expire 31/12/12. The libraries which are affected are:

Bridge of Don Library, AB22 8HH  
Culter Library, AB14 0UJ  
Tillydrone Library, AB24 2UD  
Woodside Library, 356 Clifton Road, AB24 4DX  
Torry Library, AB11 9NJ  
Cornhill Library, AB16 5UT  
Cove Library, AB12 3HE  
Ferryhill Library, AB11 6UP  
Airyhall Library, AB15 7RF  
Cults Library, 429 North Deeside Road, AB15 9SX  
Northfield Library, AB16 7LL  
Dyce Library, AB21 7NF

In order to continue providing services to these libraries, there is a requirement for ongoing network continuity.

This project will ultimately continue with the current provision of a modern communication infrastructure capable of supporting data, voice and video services for Aberdeen City libraries.

The Council intends for these libraries to continue to be connected using point-to-point Ethernet Extension Circuits. Market test quotations for renewal of these circuits with the up to date equivalent point-to-point Ethernet Extension circuits has been carried out and show a potential saving of around £28,000 per annum from Year 2.

Other connectivity options will be considered during the tender exercise if appropriate.

## 6. IMPACT

Corporate – This will support and enable corporate staff to work effectively at library locations under the new ways of working.

Existing devices (PC's and printers) will continue to be used within libraries.

Public - This project will continue to provide the libraries with the up-to-date technological infrastructure required to provide the valuable and worthwhile service expected by the public in this day and age.

## 7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Libraries Network Report - Item 5.18 Resources Management Committee 22 April 2008.

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