

COMMITTEE	Finance & Resources
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TITLE OF REPORT	Information Communication Technology (ICT) for 3Rs Update
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is directly linked to the '3Rs' project.

Capital funds were agreed at the Council meeting of 20th May for the provision of ICT in the 3Rs schools. At the Resources Management committee on 16th June 2009 Delegated Powers were approved to ensure that the required purchasing was completed to meet the timescales of the Academies being opened.

The purpose of this report is to present an update on the suppliers chosen to provide the range of ICT equipment necessary for the new Academies at Bucksburn and Cults.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

Members are asked to note the suppliers chosen to provide the necessary ICT equipment for the new Academies at Bucksburn & Cults.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The competitive process has ensured that the Council has attained best value for this major purchase of ICT equipment for the new schools. It has enabled the Council to ensure that the majority of the ICT requirements are being met by new equipment rather than transferring older equipment from the existing schools.

Most of the old equipment is now obsolete and will be disposed of using the Council contract with PC Recycling. Other equipment, such as projectors, will be assessed and re-deployed to other schools.

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

The subject of this report is in keeping with the community plan and the objectives within 'Vibrant, Dynamic and Forward looking. Specifically;

Objective 1 – Implement the ambitious £110 million 3Rs schools project
Information Communication Technology (ICT) for 3Rs

Objective 2 – Ensure Aberdeen’s pupils and teachers have school buildings fit for 21st Century

Objective 3 – Ensure expenditure on education delivers maximum benefit to pupils’ education

Objective 5 – Continue work to improve attainment across city schools

Objective 6 – Ensure education is appropriate to pupils’ needs and ensure pupils leave school with skills essential for living

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

6. REPORT

6.1 The ICT equipment required for the new Academies falls into a number of different categories. Each of these categories can have a number of separate suppliers due to the specific technologies involved.

6.2 A separate competitive process was undertaken for each category and any equipment which was not already being used in schools was subject to technical testing.

6.3 Wherever possible, our existing national IT framework, Procurement Scotland, was used. Where this was not possible, due to the specific nature of some of this equipment, a separate competitive process was undertaken against existing contracts and suppliers in the Scotland Excel framework.

6.4 The categories and successful suppliers are listed below.

Category	Supplier
Standard PC (all-in-one design)	Hewlett Packard (Procurement Scotland)
High Specification PC	Research Machines
Laptop PCs	Toshiba/Research Machines
Interactive Whiteboards & projectors	Adventi
Communications switches	Insight
Netbooks	Toshiba (Procurement Scotland)
Digital Signage	Aberdeen AV

6.5 There are several other purchases and suppliers involved with 3Rs ICT but those above constitute purchases of £45k and over.

6.6 *Additional resource has been negotiated from Resource Machines to assist in the successful installation of over 1000 PCs and laptops in the Academies within very tight timescales.*

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