

**EX13. EXCEPTION TO REQUIREMENT FOR COMPETITION**

The Executive considered a joint report by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Finance Officer advising that authority had been granted to exempt a contract from the requirement for competition.

The current contract with Northgate Information Systems Ltd for the provision of an integrated payroll and human resources system expired on 31 March 2013. It had been intended that a contract award would have been agreed and in place by 1 April 2013 to allow the service to continue.

Authority had been granted by the Chief Governance Officer, in consultation with the Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer to exempt the requirement to competition and allow a contract to be agreed. A contract for the period to 31 March 2014, in the sum of £86,865 was then awarded by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Finance Officer.

**Decision**

**The authority granted by the Chief Governance Officer in consultation with the Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer to exempt from the requirement to competition to allow Council to contract directly with Northgate Information Systems for a new contract of 1 year to 31 March 2014 for the provision of an Integrated Payroll and Human Resources System at a cost of £86,685.**