

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: EXCEPTION TO REQUIREMENT FOR COMPETITION
Meeting: EXECUTIVE
Date: 7 May 2013
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In compliance with Contract Standing Order 5.8, this paper asks Members to note that authorisation from the Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer and Chief Governance Officer has been granted for an exception from the requirement to competition for an additional one year contract to continue the supply of the Council's integrated Payroll and Human Resources system.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council has used computer packages provided by Northgate Information Systems Ltd since 1996 to pay its employees and to provide Human Resources management information.
- 2.2 Since then, two procurement exercises have taken place in 2003 and 2008 with the current contract expiring on 31 March 2013.
- 2.3 Work commenced a year ago with a view to having a new contract in place from 1 April 2013 however due to problems with the Government Procurement Service (GPS) website we have been unable to complete this exercise in time.
- 2.4 This has resulted in us having to approach Northgate for a 1 year extension to the current contract to take us up to 31 March 2014. This has now been done with a price of £86,685.
- 2.5 Notwithstanding this contract extension, work is still progressing with a view to completing the current tender process under the GPS framework and awarding a new contract some time later this month with effect from 1 April 2014.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That Members note that authority has been granted by the Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer and Chief Governance Officer under Contract Standing Order 5.8 excepting the requirement to competition to allow us to contract directly with the current supplier for a new contract of 1 year to 31 March 2014.

Chief Finance Officer

Director of Corporate & Neighbourhood Services

Date: 2 April 2013

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL