



## Belfast City Council

<b>Report to:</b>	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
<b>Subject:</b>	Contract for the provision of network cabling services
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### Relevant Background Information

The Council uses various cabling suppliers for the installation of cabling in buildings for the purposes of connecting devices to the corporate communications infrastructure. This is done routinely by seeking quotations for individual projects.

The frequency of network change and expansion requests and the possibility of extra cabling work arising from an upcoming network upgrade mean that it would be considered advantageous if the Council entered into a contract with one supplier for its entire network cabling needs. This would also save time and effort in acquiring cabling services.

Information Services Belfast (ISB) have gained experience working with a range of different cabling contractors and believe that they are in a position to accurately assess them in terms of quality, price, and ability to deliver network cabling installation and support services.

### Key Issues

With modern technology delivering more functionality over a data network it is important that the Council seeks to form a contract with a supplier who will install and support the Council's cabling infrastructure to an extremely high level of quality and provide value for money.

### Resource Implications

#### Financial

It is estimated that the cost of cabling for 2009/2010 will be in the region of £60,000. This amount is provided for in revenue estimates. It is envisaged that value for money

and high quality services will be gained from spending within a contracted framework.

Human Resources

None

Asset and Other Implications

The council network is an asset that will be increasing in importance as modern technology uses the same network to deliver data, telephony and video signals to whoever and wherever the Council needs it. The increasing importance of this asset means that any risks associated with the management of the network should be minimised.

**Recommendations**

Seek to enter into a contract with a supplier delivering cabling installation and support to the required standards for the next 2 years with the option of extending the contract for a further year.

**Key to Abbreviations**

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**Documents Attached**

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