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Dear Colleagues

I am writing to you with regards to the email you received from One Connect regarding an external ICT Provider called CC Communications. In the e-mail it states that the company is e-mailing schools falsely claiming to be the County Council's preferred supplier for ICT Services. I would like to make it clear what the position is.

Myself and several other County Councillors have met with this company (CC Communications Ltd) and agreed that the company could offer best value and should be our preferred supplier. As you will know because of the Government's enforced cuts LCC will have to make around 300 million pounds worth of cuts within the next three years.

This is going to be a painful process so it is vital that we look at any savings we can make, which includes best practice.

This is not the time for a monopoly culture.

I am the Chairman and joint founder of a charity that was set up in 2007-08 called Furniture for Education Worldwide, this was set up as a result of the BSF programme this charity which has had great support from the LCC. The charity basically sends redundant and surplus furniture to country's where the children are still sitting on the floor and using their bags as tables. We have managed to put library's into schools that did not have a book, computer suites into schools that have never seen a calculator. Later this month we will be sending our 60th forty foot container abroad full of surplus educational equipment and furniture. All these items would have ended up in landfill or had to been incinerated. To date we have sent containers to six different countries including India Ghana Pakistan Kenya The Gambia and Egypt.

Just before Christmas we were introduced to a company called CC Communications, this Company gave me the lead to a school (St Cuthbert's in Rochdale) which was being re built and had lots of surplus furniture for our charity.

The Company offers the schools cash for surplus ICT Equipment that would normally have been discarded, this can generate thousands of pounds of income for the school. We have a partnership with the company and the charity in that the school (or Council) will receive 75% of the value of the surplus equipment and the charity will receive 25%.

This is new money for the school or Council that has not been seen before, it has got to be a win win situation.

All the computers hard drives are wiped of to the highest standards (DOD 5220.22M standard).

A spin off for the company is that some of the schools who have CC communications have been dealing with have found they can beat most quotes for ICT equipment than any one else, with the same or better standard and guarantee.

What I as a LCC Councillor want is the best quality for the best service for the best price for the people of Lancashire "best value".

I will shortly be sending you a letter in the post with a DVD about the charity for your information.

If you require any further information please contact me on terry.burns@lancashire.gov.uk or 07976611119

Best regards



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