

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET – 17 JANUARY 2017

Title of report	AUTHORITY TO AWARD DATA CENTRE AND WIDE AREA NETWORK CONTRACT
Key Decision	a) Financial Yes b) Community No
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Purpose of report	The report requests that Cabinet delegates authority to award the Data Centre and Wide Area Network services contract to the Interim Director of Resources in consultation with the Corporate Portfolio Holder.
Reason for Decision	The level of expenditure on this contract exceeds the authority threshold in the Scheme of Delegation. To implement modern ICT network and infrastructure, replacing legacy infrastructure and consolidating suppliers. Also the provision of disaster recovery, business continuity and backup services which reduce the overall ICT infrastructure costs to the Council. This is contained within the ICT Road Map 2016 – 2018
Council Priorities	Value for Money.
Implications: Financial/Staff Link to relevant CAT Risk Management Equalities Impact Screening Human Rights	Financial implications contained within ICT Road map funding which has already been approved by Cabinet on the 26 th July 2016 (ICT Infrastructure scheme), no staffing implications Not applicable Not applicable Not applicable Not applicable

Transformational Government	Not applicable
Comments of Head of Paid Service	The report is satisfactory
Comments of Deputy Section 151 Officer	The report is satisfactory
Comments of Deputy Monitoring Officer	The report is satisfactory
Consultees	None
Background papers	None
Recommendations	THAT CABINET DELEGATES AUTHORITY TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE DATA CENTRE AND WIDE AREA NETWORK SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD 1 FEBRUARY 2017 TO 28 FEBRUARY 2020, TO THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CORPORATE PORTFOLIO HOLDER.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 An ICT strategy has been developed that sets out a long term vision of how ICT will support the Council's business requirements, its future vision, its customers and its members. Its outcomes include: a fully-funded ICT plan that supports new, more efficient, sustainable, flexible, and customer-focused ways of working; an organisation with the right ICT infrastructure and level of resilience; and a workforce with the right IT tools and skills
- 1.2 The Council's ICT infrastructure, telecommunications and server room, is located within the Council building which has been a single point of failure. The infrastructure is 6 years old and needs replacing. The wide area network is provided on expensive lease lines, with smaller sites on public ADSL connectivity, with multiple suppliers. As part of the ICT Road map and ICT strategy, Cabinet has approved the funding to modernise the Council's ICT infrastructure with provision for disaster recovery and business continuity by migrating the server room to a private secure data centre, with modern highly available, and resilient ICT infrastructure with fast secure network connections with a single supplier, reducing overall cost.

2. PROCUREMENT ROUTE

- 2.1 The Council has conducted a mini-competition under the CCS framework RM1045 LOT1 Data Access Services which four bidders have responded to. It is the intention to award the contract to one of the four bidders under this framework. This procurement route adheres to the requirements of the Constitution (paragraph 2.6 of the Contract Procedures Rules).

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The proposed 3 year contact at a value of £350,000 is in line with the ICT road map funding and the savings in revenue budget as a result of this implementation.

4. CONTRACT AWARD

- 4.1 In order to award the contract in relation to the Data Centre and Wide area network services for the period 1 Feb 2017 to 28 Feb 2020- Cabinet is requested to delegate authority to the Interim Director of Resources in consultation with the Corporate Portfolio Holder.