



RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS OUTLINED IN THE CONSTITUTION – Part 3 Section 16

DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION Director Of Digital & Business Change
TAKEN BY:
PORTFOLIO AREA: Resources

SUBJECT: Award of contract for replacement Wi-Fi

1. DECISION

To award to the successful supplier who has submitted a tender to provide a new Wi-Fi solution for the Council with support for a five year period.

2. REASON FOR DECISION

The Councils current Wi-Fi network currently provides corporate connectivity, guest/public access connectivity and NHS wireless connectivity. There are currently 230 access points in the borough to allow users to connect to systems. The solution currently being used by the Council is no longer being developed and issues have been observed in the stability of system, the current solution cannot be expanded further as the products can no longer be sourced leaving the department unable to provide wireless in new locations. The project will replace all the current access points with a new solution.

A further competition was undertaken under the Crown Commercial Services framework for technology products. A total of 29 companies were invited to participate, with the Invitation to Tender (ITT) asking each bidder to respond to 92 questions regarding the required functionality and operation of the new solution.

The evaluation criteria was based on quality and pricing, including value for money, based on the whole life of the contract.

Two responses were received to the ITT, the details of which, and the scores are outlined in the table below;

| | Supplier A | Supplier B |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Management | 5.47 | 7.47 |
| Networking | 1.33 | 2.27 |
| Access Points | 5.87 | 6.8 |
| Security | 2.53 | 6.27 |
| Guest Access | 2 | 4.93 |
| Support | 2.67 | 4.67 |
| Installation Requirements | 0.8 | 0.93 |
| Quality Requirements | 10 | 14.8 |
| Other | 1.73 | 2 |

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| Total cost of ownership | 22 | 40 |
| Total | 54.40 | 90.13 |

It is therefore the intention to award the contract to supplier B as they had the highest overall score.

3. BACKGROUND

The Executive Board previously approved a programme of works to replace areas of the Council's IT infrastructure in the 2018/19 financial year on the 14th June. This decision included the replacement of the existing Wi-Fi solution due to the key risks in the current system.

4. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Due to end of support/life, the BwDBC Wireless network requires replacement to ensure operational availability and security compliance moving forward. Due to these circumstances there was no alternative option but to replace the existing system.


Further information is available via from the report author

5. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of the officer with delegation and the any Member who has been consulted, and note of any dispensation granted should be recorded below:

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| CONTACT OFFICER: | Peter Hughes |
| DATE: | 08/11/2018 |
| BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: | Executive Board Decision 14 th June 2018 |

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| Director : Paul Fleming | Date: 09/11/18 |