



EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

REPORT OF: Executive Member for Resources
LEAD OFFICERS: Director of Digital & Business Change
DATE: 22/01/2019

PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED: Resources Health and Adult Social Care
WARD/S AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT: Replacement of the Council's Unix Servers

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report seeks approval to progress with the replacement of the Council's current Unix servers.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Member:

Further to approval of the Capital Programme for 2018-2021 at Finance Council in February 2018, the Executive Member is asked to approve the reallocation of £51,000 from the reserve in 2018/19 to replace the Council's Unix servers and to enter into a contract for the supply with the winning bidder.

3. BACKGROUND

The Council current UNIX environment runs a number of key line of business applications – Mosaic (Adult Social Care), ResourceLink (HR & Payroll), Childview (YOT), Exor (Highways), M3 (Planning) and Symphony (Land & Property Gazetteer).

The hardware is now end of life and support has ceased which creates a risk to the Council. There is also a requirement to expand the solution with additional memory which is cost prohibitive due its age.

Although there is currently disaster recovery in place on the current solution it is not an automatic process and requires manual intervention taking in excess of ½ a day to bring back into operation in the event of a failure.

Given the criticality of the systems involved the department wish to implement new servers and licences to replace the existing ones in order to provide better resilience and include an automated failover.

An invitation to quote was launched through the Chest procurement portal which invited 12 companies to quote for the Council's requirement including a 5 year support package evaluated on a cost only basis. A total of 3 quotes were received back with marks awarded as follows;

Supplier A – 89.84%
Supplier B – 97.40%
Supplier C – 100%

It is therefore recommended to award the contract to Supplier C as they provided the cheapest

quotation.

There will also be a requirement for additional Oracle software licences for the new platform which will be purchased direct through them under the Crown Commercial Services MOU at a cost of £20,000 including 5 years support.

4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

- Disaster recovery is not automatic and in the event of a failure results in system downtime in excess of ½ a day.
- The current hardware is now end of life and support has lapsed which creates a risk to the Council.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The equipment will support the “Deliver a Fit For Purpose Organisation” by refreshing technology that is outdated and does not meet the Council’s needs.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A total of £51k of Capital is required for the project to cover equipment purchase, Oracle licences and ITM&G staff time working on the project which will be funded through existing ITM&G Capital reserves.

The department currently has an annual revenue budget of £8,000 for the current server support which equates to the new annual support costs.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The procurement process is in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the Council’s Contract Procurement Procedure Rules.

All contracts and contract variations will be in a form approved by legal officers in the Commissioning and Procurement team.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There will be an impact to some existing staff within the department which will be mitigated through work planning; this is currently estimated at 21 days in total.

9. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

Please select one of the options below. Where appropriate please include the hyperlink to the EIA.

Option 1 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required – the EIA checklist has been completed.

Option 2 In determining this matter the Executive Member needs to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA link here)*

Option 3 In determining this matter the Executive Board Members need to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA attachment)*

10. CONSULTATIONS

Consultations will occur with the affected system owners prior to the swapping over of the hardware and to update them on the new resilient features.

11. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been considered. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of any Executive Member consulted and note of any dispensation granted by the Chief Executive will be recorded and published if applicable.

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BACKGROUND PAPER:	None
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