



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

DELEGATED
OFFICER DECISION
TAKEN BY:
PORTFOLIO
AREA:

Paul Fleming - Director Of Digital & Business Change

Digital & Customer Services

SUBJECT: Award of contract for Virtual platform and storage servers

1. DECISION

To award to the successful supplier who has submitted a tender to provide new servers for a virtual platform and storage for the Council with support for a three year period.

2. REASON FOR DECISION

The Virtual platform & storage servers are the servers which host all the software that is utilised within the Council and also provide storage for Council data. Due to the age of the servers, very shortly they will no longer be supported by the manufacturer and have a high failure rate of disks. The project will look to replace up to 50% of the current estate in this phase of works.

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 provide pricing for the solution and also details on the support that would be provided.

Ten responses were received to the ITT from 7 different suppliers, the details of which, and the scores are outlined in the table below;

	Price (90%)	Quality (10%)	Total
Supplier A	85.91	8	92.91
Supplier B	75.58	8	83.58
Supplier C – Option 1	77.44	10	87.44
Supplier C – Option 2	80.84	10	90.84
Supplier D – Option 1	90	6	96
Supplier D – Option 2	78.52	6	84.52
Supplier D – Option 3	71.26	4	75.26
Supplier E	84.98	4	88.98
Supplier F	63.44	4	67.44
Supplier G	0	0	0

It is therefore the intention to award the contract to supplier D - Option 1 as they had the highest overall score. Although this option did not score the highest in the quality area this was due to the supplier missing to add an attachment into the tender portal, the department is aware of the support that is provided for the proposed manufacturer and has had no previous issues with it.

The cost for the contract will be £204,052.17 which will be funded through the Core Infrastructure capital programme. Future years support & maintenance will be funded through the departments existing revenue budget envelope.

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 virtual platform & storage servers due to the key risks in the current system.

4. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Due to the age of the current servers and the issues with failures there was no option but to replace the current servers. The tender was made manufacturer agnostic to ensure best value for money would be obtained for the Council.

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
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DATE:	06/06/2019
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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:	Executive Board Decision 14 th June 2018
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Director : Paul Fleming	Date: 06/06/19
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