

WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

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| ITEM: | HEREFORDSHIRE COUNTY NETWORK RENEWAL (PSN) |
| Members Present: | Councillors: AW Johnson (Leader), H Bramer, RB Hamilton, J Millar, PM Morgan, GJ Powell, PD Price (Deputy Leader). |
| Date of Decision: | Thursday 25 July 2013 |
| Exempt: | No |
| Confidential | No |
| <p>This is a key decision because</p> <p>It is likely to result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.</p> | |
| <p>A notice was served in accordance with Part 3, Section 9 (Publicity in connection with key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.</p> | |
| Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution) | No |
| Purpose: | <p>The Wide Area Network service contract for Herefordshire Council and partners is due for renewal in March 2014. The contract is currently managed by Udata Infrastructure UK Ltd, which costs the Council approximately £435,000 per annum. Herefordshire Council are working with Hoople to ensure that the replacement contract delivers value for money. One of the collaborative options available to the Council will require full commitment to contractually engage by August 8th 2013. Full details of the proposal will not be available for Cabinet.</p> <p>Cabinet is asked to agree the approach and delegate decision making about the preferred option to the Assistant Director People, Policy & Partnerships in order that the timeline for this work can be achieved. This decision will be made after consideration by the IM&T Board (29th July 2013), and in consultation with the Cabinet Member Highways and Transport, Chief Financial Officer and Solicitor to the Council (31st July 2013). This decision can only be made when in full knowledge of the proposed contract details which will not be available at time of cabinet report, and needs to be made by the 8th August to comply with one of the option requirements.</p> <p>The appendix to this report provides an update on the progress made towards re-procuring a Network Connectivity contract for Herefordshire Council in time for the current contract end date of</p> |

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| | March 2014. |
| Decision: | THAT: the Assistant Director People, Policy & Partnership be granted delegated authority, in consultation with the Cabinet Member Highways and Transportation, Chief Financial Officer and Solicitor to the Council, to make the decision on the Wide Area Network re-procurement for Herefordshire Council. |
| Reasons for the Decision: | There are a number of timescale constraints. Cabinet is therefore asked to agree the approach being taken and to delegate authority to Assistant Director, People Policy and Partnerships for the consideration of the options and final decision on the way forward. |
| Options Considered: | The Wide Area Network provision, maintenance and support requires renewal for March 2014. It is essential that the Council's Wide Area Network (and that of schools and NHS) is supported and under contract to ensure the smooth running of important data circuits and telephony services. The alternative options as outlined in the document are: To procure network provision independently for the council and its local partners only. To procure WAN provision through Staffordshire County Council's Framework Agreement. To procure network provision collaboratively through the West Midlands collaborative PSN. |
| Conflict of Interest ■ (See below): | |
| Date the key decision is due to take effect: | 2 August 2013 |

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| <p>COUNCILLOR AW JOHNSONDate: 25 July 2013 LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</p> |
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

And

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.

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| <p>To be completed by officer:</p> | |
| <p>Date consent received from Chairman of General Overview and Scrutiny Committee:</p> | |
| <p>Subject to Call-in:</p> | <p>This Decision was not called in</p> |
| <p>Was the decision modified?</p> | <p>No</p> |
| <p>If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:</p> | |
| <p>If no any comment(s) to be noted</p> | |
| <p>Date original decision took effect:</p> | <p>2 August 2013</p> |