

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member finance and corporate services

Title	Extension to Updata Contract
Decision maker	Cabinet member finance and corporate services Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	18 May 2018
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	This is a key decision because 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.
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	To extend the contract for the provision of telecoms network services with Updata, for a period of up to six months at a value not to exceed £155k. This request will ensure that the council's current telecoms network services are maintained whilst services are transitioned to the new provider MLL Telecoms Ltd and enable quick financial decision making in the event that it is required.
Decision	That: (a) the contract with Updata be extended for up to six months at a value not to exceed £155k, whilst services are transitioned to MLL Telecom Ltd; and (b) any further contractual variations required to maintain service continuity during the transition to MLL Telecom Ltd which do not impact on spend within existing approved levels be delegated to the assistant director communities.

Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50026339
Options considered	1. Option 1: To novate the existing network connectivity arrangements from Updata to MLL Telecom Ltd (MLL) whilst MLL progress the delivery of the new network. This would have added an additional layer of cost and complexity when compared to the extension arrangements agreed with Updata.
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	24 May 2018

Councillor:	Date 18 May 2018
Cabinet member finance and corporate services (Councillor NE Shaw)	

- 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.