

Record of officer decision

Decision title:	Renewal of Government Secure Intranet and extranet services
Date of decision:	18/06/2019
Decision maker:	Assistant Director Corporate Support
Authority for delegated decision:	Herefordshire Council's Constitution Part 7, 3.7.5. Officer Functions. Chief Executive Scheme of Delegation – Updated 1 April 2019, Appendix 1 – service area delegation to Assistant Director Corporate Support for ICT commissioning and strategy.
Ward:	All wards
Consultation:	n/a
Decision made:	a) To renew the current Annual Government secure intranet services provided by Vodafone for a period of 12 months from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 at a cost not to exceed £14,000.
Reasons for decision:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Herefordshire council has been a service user on the Government secure Intranet services facilitated by UK central government for a number of years. 2. The service enables central and local government bodies and government agencies to share sensitive data via secure email relay, domain name services and PSN data connections to central government services. 3. Crown commercial services (CCS), are in the process of tendering alternative services and sources of supply that enable secure transfer of data between government departments. In the interim, CCS have been working on an extension with the Incumbent supplier Vodafone to allow organisations to extend their current services for 12 months to 31 March 2020. 4. During the extended period both government agencies, local government and central government organisations have been advised by CCS to consider alternative means of transferring sensitive information to central government departments, which the Councils Information Governance team and Hoople IT are exploring, based on the nature of information currently shared with central government. 5. The route to market for the services is in line with guidance provided by CSS, using Framework RM1045.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	No legal or equality risks have been identified. The recommendations of this report enable Herefordshire Council to continue to access secure communication channels with central government organizations, whilst an alternative service is explored in consultation with CCS.

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Do Nothing: under this scenario, the council would cease to access the secure email relay, government domain name services and PSN connectivity without an alternative secure method of communication to central government. This option is not recommended.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

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