

REPORT OF GROUP MANAGER - PROCUREMENT

UPDATE ON WIDE AREA NETWORK TENDER

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform the committee on the current position with the procurement of a Wide Area Network (WAN) provider.

Information

2. The Council currently have a contract with VirginMedia Business for our WAN that has been in place since November 2014 and expires November 2020.
3. Working with ICT Services Corporate Procurement have done several market engagement days to discuss where the Council is now, where they will be in the future, and what is available in the market.
4. As part of that market engagement it became clear that whilst new network technology is emerging it is still in its infancy and therefore a decision was made to go out for a network that met our needs now but with the flexibility to move to any new technology during the lifetime of the contract.
5. On the 14th June 2019 an invitation to tender was published inviting suppliers to bid for the provision of a managed service for WAN with a submission deadline of 5th August 2019.
6. Suppliers are bidding to be sole supplier on a framework agreement that meet current requirements and has a catalogue of services for the future.
7. The framework agreement will also be available to other public sector bodies within the East Midlands.
8. At the time of writing this report bids are being evaluated and it is anticipated that a decision will have been made on the preferred bidder by the time of the Committee meeting.

Other Options Considered

9. The option of going through an existing government framework was considered but not used as the framework was about to end and we would not have had the flexibility that has been written into our own framework.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

10. Report is for information only

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

12. If a new supplier wins the tender there will be capital costs to implement the new network.

RECOMMENDATION/S

13. That members agree to receive a follow up/update report in the next 3 months and that this be included in the work programme.

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Constitutional Comments (KK 13/09/19)

14. The proposal in this report is within the remit of the Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee.

Financial Comments (KP 19/09/2019)

15. As noted in the report there may be additional capital costs if a new supplier wins the tender, however these costs will be included in the financial evaluation of the bids.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All