

13 January 2020

Agenda Item: 5

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. A paper was brought to Committee in October and a recommendation was approved to bring a further update to the January committee once a contract award was made.
3. The Council currently have a contract with VirginMedia Business for our WAN that has been in place since November 2014 and expires November 2020.
4. 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.
5. Suppliers were bidding to be sole supplier on a framework agreement that meet current requirements and has a catalogue of services for the future.
6. The framework agreement will also be available to other public sector bodies within the East Midlands.
7. The tender has now been awarded and MLL Telecom have been informed they are the preferred supplier.
8. MLL Telecom have been providing public sector networks for the last 25 years and are accredited to provide both to Local Authorities and the Health Service. Their customers include West Midlands combined authority, Suffolk County Council and Nottinghamshire Police.

Benefits

9. Other public sector bodies in the East Midlands region will be able to call off from the framework which could aid more joined up working.
10. The framework allows us to do a second call off during its life time of 4 years. A call off contract can be for five years with an option to extend for a further five years. This is a longer contract than has been allowed using other buying consortiums' frameworks.
11. The framework includes a rate card to enable moves to new technology without incurring the costs of going back out to tender.

Other Options Considered

12. 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

13. Report is for information only

Statutory and Policy Implications

14. 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

15. Revenue – £486,000.

Capital - £2.57 million – includes implementation, additional project resource for ICT and dual running costs for 1 year.

RECOMMENDATION

16. 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 (AK - 23/12/2019)

The report falls within the remit of the Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee under its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (GB - 30/12/2019)

Capital funding will be subject to sign off at CAMG on the 24th January 2020 and sign off of the Annual Budget Report at Full Council on the 27th February 2020.

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