

Operational Decision Record

Publication Date 06/10/22	Decision Reference Number 4740
Decision Title	
Internet connectivity	
Decision Value	
£100,000	
Revenue or Capital Spend?	
Revenue	
Department	
Finance & Resources	
Contact Officer (Name, job title, and contact details)	
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Decision Taken	
To delegate to the Head of IT Service authority to undertake a compliant procurement exercise to renew the contract for Internet connectivity in use by Nottingham City Council.	
Reasons for Decision and Background Information	
<p>Nottingham City Council use Internet based facilities widely and so a managed Internet connection is essential for delivery of day-to-day business. The Council has two Internet connections for all principal services, at Loxley House and at Woodthorpe Grange, to provide resilient services.</p> <p>Large Internet connections like those used by the Council are provided and managed by telecommunications companies who also provide additional services around data communications, hard and software support.</p> <p>The current contract for provision of Internet connectivity expires in July 2022 and the Council wishes to require a further contract to ensure maintenance of services.</p>	
Other Options Considered and why these were rejected	
<p>The Council could not operate without Internet connectivity in its present form and so it is not feasible to not have this facility.</p> <p>The Council could simply let the current contract for provision of Internet connectivity roll over. This would mean accepting existing charges, terms and</p>	

conditions without considering whether the market could now provide better value for money.

Reasons why this decision is classified as operational

The decision is classified as operational because it relates to the maintenance of an existing operational model.

Additional Information

- EIA, DPIA and Carbon Impact Assessments are not required for this decision as it does not relate to a new service, the use of a new product or the holding of new data, only obtaining further support for data connectivity currently in use.
- Authorisation for the current support arrangements for Internet connectivity was obtained under delegated decision 3532, 'Internet Connection provision' in 2019.
- Provision exists within the IT Service revenue budget N-10011-100-4082 for this service.
- If this decision is not made then the Council will be dependent upon an expired contract for provision of Internet Connectivity.
- Procurement Team are working with IT Services to ensure they procure a new contract for Internet Connection compliantly and within the tight timescales. It is anticipated that this will be carried out through CCS RM3808 Network Services 2 Framework as a catalogue award. We will ensure the procurement is carried out within the spirit of the framework and appropriate measures are completed to ensure the Council is receiving best value. There are no procurement concerns. Advice provided by Louise Dobson, Lead PO – 1 June 2022.

Decision Maker (Name and Job Title)

Clive Heaphy, Corporate Director of Finance & Resources

Scheme of Delegation Reference Number

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Date Decision Taken

12 Sep. 2022