

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



Nottingham
City Council

Reference Number:

Author:

Department:

Contact:

2019

Anne Clarke

Resources

Luke Johnson

(Job Title: IT Infrastructure Manager, Email: luke.johnson@nottinghamcity.gov.uk, Phone: 07971232070)

Subject:

Requirement to Licence the Oracle Partitioning Option for two Castle database servers.

Total Value:

£18000 (Type: Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

To approve the purchase of two licences for the Oracle Partitioning Option for the Castle Servers (one LIVE and the other TEST)

Reasons for the Decision(s)

The Castle databases use partitioned tables and indexes. The host on which the database servers run requires licences to allow us to use the Oracle Partitioning Option.

Competitive quotations will be sought.

Other Options Considered:

Other Options Considered:

1. Do nothing: This option was rejected because the Council would be in violation of Oracle licencing terms and conditions, and can suffer heavy financial penalties from Oracle if not addressed urgently.
2. Remove the Partitioning Option: This option was rejected because partitioned data will not be accessible.
3. Removing partitioning tables and indexes: This option was rejected because the Castle database is getting larger (now approaching 1.2TB) and growing very fast (daily growth of about 1GB) and as the database continues to grow it will continue to benefit from partitioned objects in terms of both performance and management.

Background Papers:

Published Works:

Citywide

Affected Wards:

Colleague / Councillor
Interests:

Consultations:

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

**Crime and Disorder
Implications:**

There are no crime and disorder implications.

Equality:

EIA not required. Reasons: Purchase of infrastructure software not directly used by colleagues and citizens.

Decision Type:

Officer

Executive Decision?

Yes

**Scheme of Delegation
Reference Number or Other
Source of Delegation:**

1

Subject to Call In:

Yes

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement, IT

Legal Advice:

The proposals set out in the report raise no significant legal issues and are supported. Advice provided by Malcolm Townroe (Legal Services Manager) on 21/05/2015.

Finance Advice:

The value of the decision (£18,000) is based on the estimated total cost of purchasing two licences (live and test) for the Oracle Partitioning Option. The cost of the proposal will be met from existing provisions for software licensing within the Resources ICT revenue budget in 2015/16 as incorporated within the Medium Term Financial Plan. Value for money will be achieved by seeking quotations in accordance with Contract Procedure Rules.
Advice provided by C I Sharpe (Finance Analyst) on 20/05/2015.

Procurement Advice:

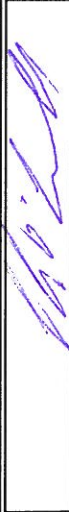
The value of the decision means that we need to go to the market for quotes and include at least one local supplier if there is one, therefore there are no issues from a procurement perspective. Advice provided by Paul Ritchie (Procurement Category Manager) on 27/05/2015.

IT Advice:

The IT Service supports this proposal. Partitioning allows better data management for large systems such as the Castle electronic document management system. Because of the use of Oracle technology to provide this service it is necessary to ensure that the Council is properly licensed for the software's use. Breach of the licence conditions of software is potentially infringement the owners' copyright. Advice provided by Paul J. Burrows (Strategy Manager) on 14/05/2015.

Signatures:

Glen O'Connell (Acting Corporate Director of Resources)

Signature: 

Date: 3 June 2015

