

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



Reference Number:	2113
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Subject:	Purchase of Solid State Drives for the SQL Server Cluster Storage Blade
Total Value:	£20,000 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	To purchase 8 x 400GB capacity Solid State Drives for the corporate SQL Server Cluster having sought a minimum of three competitive quotations.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	This decision is being taken as there is high demand for computer storage capacity on the SQL Cluster to support high profile projects. The additional databases are for ongoing and new business critical projects (e.g. CareWorks, Project Evolution (possibly)) as well as upgrades/migrations for database software (e.g. SQL Server 2000, 2005) and operating systems (e.g. Windows 2003) that are out of support. For some of the projects contracts have already been drawn up and signed so further delays will result in the Council incurring costs due to implementation delays, missed deadlines and milestones, and even penalties.
Other Options Considered:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Do nothing: This option was rejected because there would be insufficient storage capacity to implement new projects.2. Wait for Storage Area Network (SAN) storage: This option was rejected because SAN storage needs to be configured, tested and made available which will take many weeks to complete and the demand for SQL storage is present now.
Background Papers:	None.

Published Works:	None.
Affected Wards:	Citywide
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None.
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 hardware 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 03/07/2015.
Finance Advice:	The value of the decision (£20,000) is based on the estimated cost of purchasing 8 solid state storage devices to help meet demand for computer storage capacity. The cost will be met from existing provisions for hardware purchases within the Resources ICT revenue budget as included within the Medium Term Financial Plan. Value for money in terms of purchase price will be secured by obtaining three quotes from potential suppliers. Broader value will be obtained by minimising the risk of the Council being exposed to the prospect of additional contractual costs or penalty charges. Advice provided by C I Sharpe (Finance Analyst) on 02/07/2015.

Procurement Advice:

Procurement supports the recommendations of the report and competitive quotes were sought for the purchase.

Advice provided by Paul Ritchie (Procurement Category Manager) on 29/06/2015.

IT Advice:

The IT Service supports this proposal.

The technology to be purchased is of the standard type adopted by the Council and so is compatible with the other equipment in use and can be supported by skills sets employed by the Council. The type is of a standard widely used in the IT industry and so competitive quotes and on-going support can be gained from the market. The Council has an increasing demand for IT services and this increase in the Council's capacity will contribute towards satisfying this demand.

Advice provided by Paul J. Burrows (Strategy Manager) on 25/06/2015.

Signatures:

Glen O,Connell (Acting Corporate Director of Resources)

Signature:



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27/7/15

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