

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Contract for Fixed to Mobile Telephony Traffic
Total Value:	£47000 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To award a new contract for the provision of fixed to mobile telephony calls, the approximate value of which is £47,000 over three years.2. To approve the sum of £47,000 (3 years total) being met from the IT Revenue budget. There is an existing provision within this budget to meet this cost.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>The Council landline to mobile calls are made either via Virgin Media Business Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) or by the use of a GSM Gateway which is supplied by Telephone Technology. Virgin Media was successful in the recent telephony tender - contract for which commenced on the 30th of October 2015 - and submitted a price for this service, but this aspect was not accepted because it did not offer best value.</p> <p>The GSM Gateway extended contract with Telephone Technology ends on the 1st of April 2016 and we will therefore need to conduct a procurement exercise to obtain a new supplier for this contract. Further, if it is technically feasible we could reduce the running costs of this service by combining the two existing contracts .</p> <p>There is overcapacity in the Telecoms market and this means that a five year contract in this instance would not be the most economical choice, hence the contract term for this service will be two years with an option to extend for a further year.</p>

Other Options Considered: As it is necessary for the operations of the Council to make fixed landline to mobile calls, there is no viable option but to continue with this telephony service. The options which IT will consider though is whether the calls are delivered using a GSM Gateway, via a PSTN network or by fixed link going to a mobile phone network eg Vodafone, EE, O2.

Background Papers:

Published Works: 1. GSM (Global System for Mobile Communications) Gateway for fixed to Mobile traffic - Ref 00209 and 1443
2, Executive Board Report - Renewal of Contract to Provide Voice and Data Circuits - dated 17th March 2015, item 111.

Affected Wards: Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests:

Consultations: Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications: Not Applicable

Equality: EIA not required. Reasons: Not Applicable

Major Implications for IT: Yes

Decision Type: Officer

Executive Decision? Yes

Scheme of Delegation Reference Number or Other Source of Delegation: 1

Subject to Call In: No

The call-in procedure does not apply to the proposed decision because the delay likely to be caused by the call in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests. The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (or Vice-Chair) in his/her absence has been consulted and agreed both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all circumstances and that it should be treated as a matter of urgency.

Person Consulted:

Consultation Date: 01/01/0001

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement, IT

Legal Advice:

The proposals set out in the report raise no significant legal issues and, on the basis outlined, are supported. Advice provided by Malcolm Townroe (Legal Services Manager) on 01/12/2015.

Finance Advice:

The value of the decision (£47,000) is an estimate of the total value of a three year contract for the provision of fixed to mobile telephony. Annual costs of approximately £15,600 will be met from ongoing provisions for telephony included in Resources ICT's revenue budget as incorporated within the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan. Value for money will be secured by pursuing an appropriate procurement process in accordance with Contract Procedure Rules / Financial Regulations.

Advice provided by C I Sharpe (Finance Analyst) on 02/12/2015.

Procurement Advice:

The Procurement Team will support the tendering exercise and ensure that a fully compliant value for money contract is entered into. Advice provided by Mabs Karim (Category Manager) 13/01/16 Advice provided by Paul Ritchie (Procurement Category Manager) on 29/02/2016.

IT Advice:

The IT Service supports this proposal.

The proposed solution is technically proven within the technical infrastructure of the Council and can assist in cost reductions for services.

Advice provided by Paul J. Burrows (Strategy Manager) on 27/11/2015.

Signatures:

Glen (Corporate Director of Resilience)

SIGNED and Dated: 08/03/2016