

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



**Nottingham**  
**City Council**

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**Subject:**

**Anti-Virus / Malware Security Product Solution**

**Total Value:**

**£480,000 (Type: Capital and Revenue)**

**Decision Being Taken:**

- 1. To procure IT security products - Anti-virus/Malware protection application and Web Traffic Filtering and Reporting application - with contracts for a three year term with a one year extension option if available**
- 2. To delegate to The Head of IT the decision to award the contracts to the successful tenderers**

**Reasons for the Decision(s)**

An anti-virus/malware solution provides the main protection from electronic threats and vulnerabilities such as computer viruses and malware.

Web traffic filtering provides advanced threat protection from malicious websites, allows the control of website access so we can block unfavourable sites such as gambling, pay day loan sites and similar. It also needs to provide full auditing and reporting so any abuse or mis-use of corporate systems can be provide reports for HR or Police investigations.

Both of these products are essential and form part of the critical toolset required that ensures the Council remain as safe as it possibly can. A lack of such protection could result in reputational impact, loss of productivity and financial penalties far in excess of the financial investment requested to implement such systems.

Security attacks, vulnerabilities and associated risks have become more prevalent and advanced in recent years. The solutions available to protect against them have also evolved. The IT Service have been reviewing the Suppliers highlighted in the Gartner Magic Quadrant to understand the latest products and features on offer. We now have the functional requirement specification for the tender and would utilise the Crown Commercial Services framework.

**Other Options Considered:**

Option 1 - Do nothing (REJECTED) - If we do not have these security products then the Council will not be sufficiently protected against attacks. Compliancy for Government Connect (GCSX) would also be lost.

**Background Papers:**

**Published Works:**

**Affected Wards:**

Citywide

**Colleague / Councillor Interests:**

**Consultations:**

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

**Crime and Disorder Implications:**

There are no crime and disorder implimentation

<b>Equality:</b>	EIA not required. Reasons: Purchase of software not directly used by colleagues and citizens.
<b>Major Implications for IT:</b>	Yes
<b>Decision Type:</b>	Portfolio Holder
<b>Subject to Call In:</b>	Yes
<b>Call In Expiry date:</b>	24/05/2017
<b>Advice Sought:</b>	Legal, Finance, Procurement, IT
<b>Legal Advice:</b>	<p>It is intended to use an Public Contracts Regulations compliant process by calling off form a CSS framework. If there were difficulties and an alternative process might be necessary, it would need to be similarly compliant. Provided the process is compliant and the procedural steps correctly implemented, it is not considered that there are or will be any significant legal concerns.</p> <p>The legal section will be able assist. Advice provided by Brian Lewis Stewart (Solicitor) on 16/05/2017.</p>
<b>Finance Advice:</b>	<p>The cost of this decision is £480,000 over a four year period. Provision for this cost is included within the IT Efficiency Fund budget in the medium term financial plan.</p> <p>Advice provided by Ian Greatorex (Finance Project Manager) on 13/04/2017.</p>
<b>Procurement Advice:</b>	<p>The report author has already engaged with procurement to ensure compliance with the Council's financial regulations and contract procedure rules. A further competition tender will be conducted via a CCS framework in order to secure best value for the Council and the citizens it represents. On this basis there are no procurement concerns with the approach. Advice provided by Rosalie Parkin (Category Manager) on 21/04/2017.</p>
<b>IT Advice:</b>	<p>The IT Service supports this proposal.</p> <p>The Council's services have a high dependence upon digital connectivity with other organisations. It is necessary to provide this connectivity in a way that is safe and secure and that protects the Council's IT facilities from malware, computer viruses, ransomware and similar threats. This protection is provided by means of specialist security software that is dynamically update to ensure protections is as far as possible up-to-date. The acquisition of such security software is the subject of this delegated decision.</p> <p>Advice provided by Paul J. Burrows (IT Change, Projects &amp; Strategy Manager) on 19/04/2017.</p>
<b>Signatures</b>	<p>Graham Chapman (PH for Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration)</p> <p>SIGNED and Dated: 17/05/2017</p>

**Candida Brudenell (Corporate Director for Strategy and Resources)**

**SIGNED and Dated: 17/05/2017**