

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



**Nottingham**  
**City Council**

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Subject:	CUBE and SIP upgrades - Variance to Delegated Decision 2750
Total Value:	£28,232.95 (Type: Capital and Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	To increase expenditure on the purchase and installation of the telephony computer networking equipment and connection services to Nottingham City Council by £28,232.95 from £40, 227.62 (as agreed in Delegated Decision 2750) to £68,460.57
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>Delegated Decision 2750 approved £40,227 for the purchase and installation of the telephony computer networking equipment and connection services to Nottingham City Council (NCC). The decision also granted dispensation from Contract Procedure Rules to award the contract to Virgin Media. Authority was delegated to the Head of IT to place an order with Virgin Media.</p> <p>Implementation planning discussions with the suppliers Virgin Media, and with the Council's Network Support partners Capita have required amendment to the previous plans and expected costs.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The 12month license costs need to be increased to run for 19 months. This will enable the other SIP licenses NCC already hold with Virgin Media to co-terminate with the new SIP trunks that are going to be ordered. The Council can then renegotiate for all of its SIP licenses on bulk, helping to drive down the cost. £24,614.96</li><li>2. A period of double running of both the current ISDN lines and the new SIP lines will be required. The savings offset cannot be realised as quickly as was previously expected.</li><li>3. The Hardware and license costs are due to increase because of a \$ exchange rate variance, and the way that variance is being applied by Cisco. It is expected that a 10% price increase will follow shortly. (£24,402.62 x10%=£2440)</li><li>4. An error on the previous decision (DD2750) needs to be corrected. The Virgin connection charge was stated as £500, whilst this element is correct there are in fact two connections to be paid for, one at either end of the connection.</li></ol>

**Other Options Considered:** 1. Do Nothing. The pressure on NCC's call capacity continues to increase. It is too high a risk to leave the service as it is.  
2. Changing the suppliers and the whole service set up is not feasible within the required timescale, and would not release any financial savings. If NCC changed the suppliers of its VOIP service, the new supplier would still require sufficient connections for the service to operate adequately.

**Background Papers:** None

**Published Works:** Delegated Decision 2750 'CUBE and SIP Upgrades'

**Affected Wards:** Citywide

**Colleague / Councillor Interests:** None

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

**Crime and Disorder Implications:** None

**Equality:** EIA not required. Reasons: EIA not required as agreeing additional expenditure for decision already taken

**Social Value Considerations:** n/a

**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 decision because the value of the decision is below the call in threshold.**

**Advice Sought:**

**Legal, Finance, Procurement, IT**

**Legal Advice:**

**It is not considered that this procurement gives rise to any significant legal concerns.**

**Legal are available to support IT with the procurement. Advice provided by Brian Lewis Stewart (Solicitor) on 21/06/2017.**

**Finance Advice:**

**The cost of this decision is £28,233 which is additional to the previous decision of £40,227.62. All this cost will be met by the IT Efficiency Fund. Any increases to the annual maintenance charge increase will be met from existing provisions in the IT revenue budget.**

**There is therefore no impact on the medium term financial plan.**

**Advice provided by Ian Greatorex (Finance Project Manager) on 26/04/2017.**

**Procurement Advice:**

**This delegated decision is a variation to DDM 2750 to account for additional funding requirements, rather than a requirement for any additional procurement activity. As such there are no procurement concerns with this proposal. Advice provided by Rosalie Parkin (Category Manager) on 21/04/2017.**

**IT Advice:**

**The IT Service supports the proposals included within this delegated decision.**

**This delegated decision is a variation to DDM 2750 to account for additional funding requirements. The advice included within the original delegated decision regarding the IT considerations is still relevant:**

**'The IT Service supports this proposal.**

**Existing telephone capacity for citizen contacts to the Council for services is capped and so calls are unsatisfied. The proposed investment will increase current capacity and so allow a higher degree of telephone based service to be provided to citizens. The technology proposed is that of a type familiar to the Council and so is considered a low risk implementation.**

**Advice provided by Paul J. Burrows (IT Change, Projects & Strategy Manager) on 08/12/2016. Advice provided by Steven Brookes (Application Manager) on 03/01/2017.'**

**Advice provided by Paul J. Burrows (IT Change, Projects & Strategy Manager) on 30/03/2017.**

**Signatures:**

**Candida Brudenell (CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR STRATEGY & RESOURCES)**

**SIGNED and Dated: 25/07/2017**