

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Mobile Telephony Contract 2020

Total Value:

£700,000 (Type: Capital and Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

- 1) Enter into a 3-year contract with the option to extend up to a further two years for provision of telephony services, to provide Nottingham City Council with mobile voice and data communications
- 2) To enter in to a Crown Commercial Services (CCS) National Further Competition (NFC) under a telephony framework.
- 3) Tender through a CCS framework for telephony services
- 4) To delegate authority to the Head of IT Services to award this contract.

Reasons for the Decision(s)

The current Council mobile telephony contract is due to end on 12th July 2020. The 3-year contract commenced on 13th July 2015 and the option to extend for a further two years was taken up.

Financial regulations require that contracts are refreshed and market tested at intervals to ensure value for money is achieved.

The last mobile contract was awarded through a reverse e-auction held on 3rd March 2015 by Crown Commercial Services, under their framework for provision of telephony services.

Crown Commercial Services (CCS) are now in the process of preparing another National Further Competition (NFC) under their telephony framework to allow government customers the opportunity of aggregating requirements to generate lower prices for services than would otherwise be possible. Each Authority will enter into an individual contract, aggregation of requirement is to determine best price only. Nottingham City Council and its subsidiaries currently require approximately 5842 connections for its business. By aggregating requirements with other Government Departments, Agencies and Authorities, we hope to obtain best price as part of NFC.

We wish to take up the opportunity to join in this competition, but also seek authority to go out to tender through a framework if the pricing through the National Further Competition is not competitive in relation to our present rates.

Some additional project management costs will be required if we move from our present supplier.

Other Options Considered:

1. **Do Nothing:** The mobile telephony contract ends on 12th July 2020 and it is not possible to extend this contract further.
2. **To tender through a framework for a new contract** , we wish to consider this as an option should the pricing through the National Further Competition not be competitive with our present pricing agreement.

Background Papers:

None

Published Works:

DD1821 22 January 2015 and Extension DD3071 8 February 2018

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 implimentations
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: This contract does not have an impact on equality and is not a new or changing policy, service or function.
Any implications affecting IT:	Yes
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	03/07/2019
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement, IT
Legal Advice:	<p>It is not considered that this procurement gives rise to any serious legal concerns.</p> <p>The procurement will need to ensure that the service being procured complies with the Data Protection Legislation in respect of which a completed Data Protection Impact Assessment will assist.</p> <p>Legal are avialable to assist with the procurement. Advice provided by Brian Lewis Stewart (Solicitor) on 06/06/2019.</p>
Finance Advice:	<p>This decision seeks approval to tender the mobile telephony contract which is due to expire in July 2020.</p> <p>The anticipated cost is £0.120m annually over each year of the contract therefore the full cost to NCC is expected to be c.£0.600m for the 5 contract (3+2 years). It is not anticipated that there will be a material saving on the current contract price due to the large saving that was made during the previous tender exercise. Existing budget for the contract sits within each department across the council therefore there is no expectation for any financial pressure to occur as a result of this decision.</p> <p>This decision also seeks to employ additional resource if the winning tender differs from the current supplier. This additional resource is expected to cost up to £0.100m on a temporary basis and will be funded from the ITEF as a corporate project. Advice provided by Philip Gretton (Finance Analyst) on 16/05/2019.</p>

IT Advice:

The IT Service supports the proposals made in this delegated decision.
 The mobile telephone contract enables the Council to support the remote and mobile working of colleagues where Council services have identified a business case for colleagues to work in this way. As network services become richer in function and lower in cost suppliers of systems are increasing offering features that allow remote connection and this is usually dependent upon mobile communication facilities being available. In addition SIMS provided through the contract are also used to support managed hardware that requires a network connection but operates normally without human intervention.

Advice provided by Paul J. Burrows (IT Change, Projects & Strategy Manager) on 13/05/2019.

Procurement Advice:

Use of compliant third-party frameworks, such as those offered by Crown Commercial Services, is allowed under clause 3.8 of Contract Procedure Rules.

Procurement colleagues will assist with the tendering process to ensure that a fully compliant value for money framework is entered into.

Advice provided by Mabs Karim (Procurement Officer) on 07/06/2019.

Signatures

David Trimble (Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and IT)
SIGNED and Dated: 25/06/2019
Candida Brudenell (Corporate Director for Strategy and Resources)
SIGNED and Dated: 21/06/2019