

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	3 Years Email Protection
Total Value:	£100,000 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To procure IT security products - an email advanced threat protection application - for a period of three years.2. To delegate to The Head of IT the decision to award the contracts to the successful tenderers
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>An advanced threat protection application for email provides protection from malicious email and phishing attempts. 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, and the Council's Information Management Assurance Board (IMAB) has agreed the need for a product to protect against such issues.</p> <p>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 and now wish to go out to tender for a protection which meets the Council requirements.</p> <p>The cost of the proposal to be met from the IT Efficiency Fund.</p>

Other Options Considered:	<p>Option 1 - Do nothing (REJECTED) - If we do not have this security product then the Council will not be sufficiently protected against attacks. Compliancy for Government Connect (GCSX), PSN and Cyber Essentials Plus could also be lost.</p> <p>Option 2 - Procure an email ATP application that includes business continuity features (REJECTED) - Multiple ATP solutions include business continuity as part of the feature set. These features would duplicate our efforts for business continuity, and incur additional costs.</p>
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 software not directly used by colleagues and citizens. This decision does not relate to new or changing policies, services or functions.
Any implications affecting IT:	Yes
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	21/01/2020

Advice Sought: Legal, Finance, Procurement, IT

Legal Advice: This decision give rise to no significant legal concerns.

Legal are available to advise on the procurement process as requested. Advice provided by Brian Lewis Stewart (Solicitor) on 11/12/2019.

Finance Advice: This decision seeks approval to enter into a contract using approved procurement methods for IT security products, specifically email advanced threat protection, for a period of 3 years. The cost of this contract over the 3 year period is expected to be £0.100m. The full cost of this contract is to be met from the ITEF. The competitive procurement process will support the achievement of value for money.

The profiling of the above costs have been considered in the ITEF forward plan and are affordable from within this budget. It is to be noted however that there are further IT projects within the ITEF forward plan that are yet to be approved. The current balance of the ITEF funding is insufficient to fund all of these projects therefore careful consideration when prioritising projects is a must in order to maximise the ITEF funding and support corporate needs.

Advice provided by Philip Gretton (Finance Analyst) on 20/12/2019.

Procurement Advice: Procurement will be undertaken to ensure compliance with the Council's financial regulations and contract procedure rules. On this basis, there are no procurement concerns with this approach. Advice provided by Mabs Karim (Procurement Officer) on 19/12/2019.

IT Advice: The IT Service supports the proposals contained within this delegated decision.
The proposal will enable the Council to acquire and operate IT systems to protect the Council for malicious software, such as computer viruses, and other cyber threats.
Maintaining adequate levels of IT security is essential to individuals and to organisations in order to safeguard assets and to comply with legislative requirements such as the Data Protection Act and levels of security that enable electronic interaction with other organisations through methods such as the Public Sector Network (PSN) and the Health and Social Care Network (HSCN).
Advice provided by Paul J. Burrows (IT Change, Projects & Strategy Manager) on 11/12/2019.

Signatures

David Trimble (Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and IT)
SIGNED and Dated: 13/01/2020
Candida Brudenell (Corporate Director for Strategy and Resources)
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