

Record of Delegated Executive Decision(s)

1. Subject of decision

Wide Area Network Replacement of Fibre Networks

2. Name and Title of Decision Maker

Jon Ritchie, Director of Resources

3. Details of any Conflict of Interest and any Dispensation granted in respect of such Interest

None

4. Executive summary (taken from written report)

On 27 March 2023 Cabinet received a report entitled Procurement Plan 2023/24 and agreed to the procurement exercises specified in that report proceeding through the 2023/24 financial year and to the awarding of contracts in accordance with UK public procurement legislation to the most advantageous tenders.

The Authority needed to procure a new fibre network to replace its current Wide Area Network (WAN) circuits, to connect its satellite sites to its two Data Centres in Quadrant East (Primary DC) and Killingworth (Secondary DC). The current WAN is to be replaced via this procurement, utilises a mix of leased line fibre and point-to-point wireless to provide connectivity.

Below is the link to the relevant Cabinet report (dated 27th March 2023) and related item for the WAN connectivity as listed in Appendix 1.

<https://democracy.northtyneside.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=174&MIId=822&Ver=4>

5. Alternative Options considered

The Crown Commercial Service (CCS) Framework RM6095 which covers Gigabit Capable Connectivity was selected as the appropriate Procurement vehicle. The framework utilises a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) whereby pre-qualified suppliers can apply and achieve a place on the framework at any point during its lifetime. This is seen as a fair and transparent method that encourages and grows competition.

The Tender process that followed resulted in 4 responses which were evaluated on a 55% Quality/45% Price basis with 15% of the quality aspects attributed to Social Value.

6. Decision(s)

To agree the Authority entering into a contract with the selected contractor.

7. Reasons for the Decision(s)

It is recommended that the contract be entered into with the selected contractor following a full procurement exercise of Wide Area Network (WAN) Replacement as the most economically advantageous option for the Authority.

8. Date Decision Made

30/08/2023

9. Is this decision subject to call-in and if so expiry date of call-in period

Yes, the call-in period expires at 5.00pm on 6 September 2023

10. Date of Publication

30 August 2023

11. Implementation Date (if decision not called in)

After 5.00pm on 6 September 2023

Note: The report in relation to this officer executive delegated decision is not for publication by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972