

Report of: Technical Manager, Safer Leeds

Report to: Director of Communities & Environment

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Subject: Request to continue a current commercial agreement for the provision of CCTV fibre services with British Telecommunications plc

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

1. Fibre services for the transmission of public space CCTV images to the Leeds City Council monitoring facility (Leedswatch) are currently on an expired rolling commercial agreement with British Telecommunication.
2. A rationalisation exercise has been completed and strategy formed for the modernisation of CCTV fibre services. However, there is currently no suitable commercial route to market.
3. The application and value of a modernised CCTV fibre service will be maximised by utilising the pending Yorkshire and Humber Public Services Network (YHPSN), this is to be awarded around April 2018.

Recommendations

4. The Director of Communities & Environment to approve the continuation of the current agreement for the provision CCTV fibre services with British Telecommunication plc. This agreement shall be in place during the fibre service modernisation programme and will be for a period of up to 24 months during which time expenditure will not exceed £250,000.

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To seek approval from the Director of Communities & Environment to allow the continuation of the current agreement for the provision CCTV fibre service with British Telecommunication plc. This agreement shall be in place during the fibre service upgrade programme and be for a period of up to 24 months during which time expenditure will not exceed £250,000.

2. Background information

- 2.1 Currently British Telecommunication plc provide the fibre services for the transmission of CCTV images to the LeedsWatch facility. The agreement was a 5 year term which has come to the end, all services will now default to a rolling contract with a 90 day termination notice.
- 2.2 A rationalisation exercise has been completed and strategy formed for the modernisation and migration of CCTV fibre services. The YHPSN contract to be awarded in April 2018 has been identified as offering best value and allows the maximum utilisation of services.
- 2.3 In order to continue CCTV monitoring services prior to, and during the migration to YHPSN the rolling contract with British Telecommunication plc should continue.

3. Main issues

- 3.1 Fibre services for the transmission of public space CCTV images to the LeedsWatch facility are currently on an expired rolling commercial agreement with British Telecommunication plc.
- 3.2 A project to rationalise and migrate CCTV fibre services has been developed but cannot begin until a suitable commercial route is available.
- 3.3 The application and value of a modernised CCTV fibre service will be maximised by utilising the pending YHPSN, this is to be awarded in April 2018
- 3.4 A tender exercise independent of the YHPSN for CCTV fibre services has been considered. It was concluded to be less favourable as it would lose the additional value offered by the YHPSN such as economies of scale and multi service utilisation of fibre.
- 3.5 Monitoring of CCTV must continue during the YHPSN award and CCTV fibre migration programme. It is therefore necessary to maintain the current agreement with British Telecommunication plc during the transition period.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

- 4.1.1 A project board has been created with members representing Safer Leeds, Digital and Information Services and Information Governance
- 4.1.2 Elected members were consulted during the development of the modernisation programme, they have been updated on the advantages and motivation for the utilisation of the YHPSN

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

- 4.2.1 There are no equality and diversity/cohesion and integration issue associated with this decision.

4.3 Council policies and best council plan

- 4.3.1 Safer Leeds and Leedswatch work in partnership with departments across the authority, WYP and the Fire & Rescue Service to protect the public, property, staff and assets. The continued monitoring of CCTV and is an integral part of the Leedswatch service and essential to achieve department aims.

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 In order to continue CCTV monitoring services during the rationalisation and migration of CCTV fibres the current contract with British Telecommunication plc must remain in place. There are no practicable or cost effective alternatives available for interim measures.
- 4.4.2 A tender exercise independent of the YHPSN for CCTV fibre services has been considered. It is predicted that the YHPSN will offer greater value such as economies of scale and multi service utilisation of fibres.

4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in

- 4.5.1 This recommendation is to accept the provision in the current British Telecommunication plc contract for its migration to a rolling contract with 90 days termination notice for services. The extension will be for up to 24 months. Approval to extend will be classed as a Significant Operational Decision which will not exceed £250,000.

5. Risk Management

- 5.1 Termination of the rolling contract extension with British Telecommunication plc will effectively cease monitoring for the majority of public space CCTV operated by Leeds. No suitable interim measures have been identified for the provision of the CCTV fibre transmission service.
- 5.2 An alternative competition could be undertaken which would be independent of the YHPSN. This would introduce significant delay to the modernisation project and would be unlikely to achieve best value. This alternative will still require an interim solution and the continuation of the rolling contract extension with British Telecommunication plc will be required.

6. Conclusions

- 6.1 The monitoring of public space CCTV is an integral part of the Leedswatch service and essential to achieve department and corporate aims. The fibre transmission servers utilised by the CCTV must continue uninterrupted.

6.2 During the interim period leading to the YHPSN and subsequent commercial route to market the existing contract with British Telecommunication plc to be extended to maintain CCTV monitoring services prior to, and during the supplier transition.

7. Recommendations

7.1 The Director of Communities & Environment to approve the continuation of the current agreement for the provision CCTV fibre service with British Telecommunication plc. This agreement shall be in place during the fibre service upgrade programme and be for a period of up to 24 months during which time expenditure will not exceed £250,000.

8. Background documents

None