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Report of: Security Technical Lead, Resources and Housing
Report to: Chief Digital and Information Officer

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Subject: Request to commence a procurement exercise using Crown Commercial Services (CCS) Framework RM3808 to seek a supplier to provide increased bandwidth of the Council's Internet services to support delivery of the Community Cloud programme.

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s):	☐ Yes	☒ No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	☐ Yes	☒ No
Is the decision eligible for call-in?	☐ Yes	☒ No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, access to information procedure rule number: Appendix number:	☐ Yes	☒ No

Summary of main issues

1. The Council currently has a contract in place for the supply of managed internet circuits.
2. To support the delivery of the Community Cloud project, there is a requirement to increase bandwidth of the Councils Internet offer.

Recommendations

The Chief Digital and Information Officer is recommended to approve commencement of a procurement exercise using CCS Framework RM3808 to seek a supplier to provide increased Bandwidth of the Council's Internet services to support delivery of the Community Cloud programme.

1.   Purpose of this report.

1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out the reasons for seeking approval to commence a procurement exercise and award a contract through CCS Framework RM3808 to a supplier to provide increased bandwidth of the Council's Internet services to support delivery of the Community Cloud programme.

2.   Background information

2.1 To support the Community Cloud programme there is a requirement to uplift the Council's internet bandwidth as soon as possible.

3.   Main issues

3.1   To support delivery of the Community Cloud project, it is essential that the Council increases its bandwidth to allow for an increased consumption in Cloud based services.

3.2   It is anticipated that the value of the contract awarded as a result of the procurement exercise using CCS Framework RM3808 will be in the region of £50,000 per annum rental and £20,000 one off installation costs.

3.3   The proposed contract will be for a period of 5 years.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1   Consultation and engagement

4.1.1   Consultation has taken place with the Chief Digital and Information Officer, the Head of Strategy & Solutions and with ICT Strategic Sourcing Team.

4.2   Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

4.2.1   There are no issues relevant to equality and diversity / cohesion and integration with this decision.

4.3   Council policies and best Council plan

4.3.1   The Community Cloud programme will help Digital and Information Services and the broader Council to work towards the Best Council Plan. Increased internet bandwidth is a foundation block for the programme.

Climate Emergency

The move towards cloud based services will lessen the on premise data centre footprint of the Council.

4.4   Resources and value for money

4.4.1   Given advancements in Internet service provision, LCC are looking to increase bandwidth at no extra cost getting more for our money.

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

4.5.1   Approval to carry out a procurement exercise at this value is a significant operational decision and is not subject to call-in.

4.6   Risk management

4.6.1   There are no risks associated with carrying out a procurement exercise using CCS Framework RM3808.

5.   Conclusions

5.1.1   To support the Council's need to increase the bandwidth of its internet services to support the delivery of the Community Cloud project, the most appropriate route to doing this is by carrying out a procurement exercise using CCS Framework RM3808.

6.   Recommendations

6.1.1   The Chief Digital and Information Officer is recommended to approve commencement of a procurement exercise using CCS Framework RM3808 to seek a supplier to provide increased Bandwidth of the Council's Internet services to support delivery of the Community Cloud programme.

7.   Background documents[1]

7.1.1   None

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[1] The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.