

Autodesk product licensing 2023

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Report of: Head of Digital Change

Report to: Chief Digital & Information Officer

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

The Council uses a number of Autodesk products to support services delivering technical design functions.

Autodesk products use an individual named user licence model which is renewed annually. Renewal is required to allow continued use of the products.

This report renews the licensing for a range of Autodesk products for one year at a cost of £115,550.

Recommendations

- a) Approve a renewal of licences against the Council's Software Framework contract at a cost for one year of £115,550.

What is this report about?

- 1 The annual renewal of licences for Autodesk products, including AutoCAD, Vehicle Tracking, Structural Bridge Design, Revit, Infracore, AutoCAD LT. They are used by approximately 200 users across the Council in varied uses delivering technical design functions.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 2 Renewal of licences will allow continued use of these products to support service delivery.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing Inclusive Growth Zero Carbon

- 3 These are software products which support services in delivering the Best City Ambition (e.g. Highways and Transportation).

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted? Yes No

- 4 Consultation has been carried out with existing users of the software to confirm the continued need for these licences.

What are the resource implications?

- 5 There are resource impacts to the IDS Software Licensing and Digital Change team and some impact for users as there is a change from the use of a licence server to named user licencing.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

- 6 If the licences are not renewed by the end of the current licence period (23rd June 2023) this functionality will be lost with significant disruption to work flows.

What are the legal implications?

- 7 The Council has a framework agreement in place with Bytes Software Services Ltd (contract ref: **DN450075 - ITS190020**) and this legally compliant framework will be used for the purchase of the licenses.

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

- 8 Alternative software was considered, but no suitable alternative that delivered the same functions at a lower cost was identified.

How will success be measured?

- 9 Success will be measured in continued and uninterrupted use of the software, an decommissioning of current on premise licence server.

What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?

10 The new licences need to be purchased and deployed by 23rd June 2023. IDS software licencing, Digital Change and help desk teams, working with software lead users will manage the deployment of the licences.

Appendices

- None

Background papers

- None