



Belfast District Council (Shadow)

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| Report to: | Shadow Strategic Policy & Resources committee |
| Subject: | ICT procurements – LGR related |
| Date: | 26 September 2014 |
| Reporting Officer: | Ronan Cregan, Deputy Chief Executive |
| Contact Officer: | Paul Gribben, Head of Digital Services |

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| 1 | Relevant Background Information |
| 1.1 | <p>This year will see unique pressures on Council resources as it copes with service convergence and the transfer of new functions as a result of Local Government Reform. This will place a high demand for ICT resources to cope with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business as usual infrastructure services, • ICT projects of strategic importance like the Super-connected Belfast, • Continued delivery of external services particularly to the Housing Executive, • Service convergence and Transferring functions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Application configuration ○ Data transfer ○ Business intelligence ○ License procurement ○ ICT equipment procurement and installation ○ Telephony and networking services ○ Server and storage capacity ○ ICT Training ○ Regional Service Convergence |

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| 2 | Key Issues |
| 2.1 | <p>The table below lists those ICT related Service Convergence costs (identified to date) which exceed £30,000 and therefore require committee approval. Procurement of these services are essential to either facilitate data transfer from IT systems in Lisburn and Castlereagh or to provide additional capacity to cope with the requirements of service convergence and transferring functions.</p> |

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| 2.2 | Project | Supplier | Cost |
| | HMO information transfer - NIHE to BCC | Civica | £52,000 |
| | Park Rangers data transfer | Civica | £32,000 |
| | Environmental Health data from Lisburn and Castlereagh – Software services, licensing and data transfer | Tascomi | £50,000 |
| | Clockwise – Time & Attendance – Additional requirements for LGR – Clocks, External development and licensing | SoftWorks | £68,000 |
| | Virtualisation software – Support & maintenance – Server capacity | Dell | £41,000 |
| | Resilient Network NI connection at DR site in Duncrue (for Planning Portal access) | Eircom | £30,000 |
| | | Total Cost | £273,000 |

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| 3 | Resource Implications |
| 3.1 | These LGR transition costs will be funded from the agreed ICT Service Convergence transition budget. |

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| 4 | Equality and Good Relations Considerations |
| 4.1 | Not applicable. |

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| 5 | Call In |
| 4.1 | Call-in should not be applicable as an unreasonable delay could severely impact service convergence timescales particularly in terms of timely data transfer and accordingly the Committee is recommended to agree that the decision should not be subject to Call In. |

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| 5 | Recommendations |
| 5.1 | The Committee is recommended to approve the procurements listed above. |

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| 6 | Decision Tracking |
| Paul Gribben, Head of Digital Services – April 2015 | |

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| 7 | Key to Abbreviations |
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| 8 | Documents Attached |
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