

Record of Cabinet member decision

Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Decision made by	Councillor Reg Waite
Key decision?	Yes
Date of decision (same as date form signed)	
Name and job title of officer requesting the decision	Andrew Down Head of HR, IT & Technical Services
Officer contact details	Tel: 01235 540372 Email: andrew.down@southandvale.gov.uk
Decision	To procure wide area network services from Vodafone for a period of two years, making use of a framework agreement negotiated by Oxfordshire County Council. To authorise the Head of HR, IT & Technical Services to conclude the agreement with any minor cost variations.
Reasons for decision	The current contract for provision of wide area network, also via OCC, will terminate by the end of the current financial year. This is the successor contract. OCC conducted a procurement process which was compliant with EU regulations, and Vale of White Horse DC was named as a potential partner. The Vale must have a wide area network in place in order to link its offices to those of South Oxfordshire DC, and to the planned co-location data centres which are to be used for off-site hosting of the councils' IT services.
Alternative options rejected	This contract with Vodafone is designed to guarantee best value: Vodafone are obliged to provide a service using whichever carrier offers the best deal at each site. Officers have compared this offering with a similar contract "Unicorn" available from BT, finding that the annual operating costs are almost identical. The set-up costs, however, are significantly less with Vodafone because it will be possible to transfer some existing network circuits directly from our current contract to the new one. Overall, therefore, the Vodafone proposal

	<p>offers better value to the councils than the BT option.</p> <p>Procurement of individual circuits without use of a collaborative bulk-buying agreement would not have offered value for money.</p> <p>We cannot retain the existing network as the contract is coming to its end.</p>			
Legal implications	<p>This procurement is made under contracts procedure rule 145, which permits purchase through a consortium of which the council is a member. The initial procurement of the Vodafone contract was carried out by Oxfordshire County Council, with the Vale as a named participant.</p>			
Financial implications	<p>There are one-off costs for circuit installation and configuration, of which the Vale share is around £26,000.</p> <p>The Vale share of annual network charges is around £45,000.</p> <p>The overall cost for the two year contract is around £116,000. Final pricing will be confirmed at the time of ordering the network circuits.</p> <p>These sums are within existing budgets.</p>			
Other implications	None			
Background papers considered	None			
Declarations/conflict of interest? Declaration of other councillor/officer consulted by the Cabinet member?				
List consultees		Name	Outcome	Date
	Cabinet members	Matthew Barber Roger Cox Mike Murray Elaine Ware		
	Legal	Pat Connell		
	Finance	Steve Guard	No issues	31 July 2014
	Human resources			
	Sustainability			
	Diversity and equality			

	Communications			
	Strategic Management Board	Steve Bishop	Approved	28 July 2014
Confidential decision? If so, under which exempt category?	No			
Call-in waived by Scrutiny Committee chairman?				
Cabinet member's signature To confirm the decision as set out in this notice.	Signature  Date <u>27/8/2014</u>			

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