

**Bolsover District Council**

**Meeting of the Executive on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Award three-year mobile phone and data contract, procured via NHS London Procurement Partnership framework agreement**

**Report of the Portfolio Holder for Resources**

<b>Classification</b>	This report is Public
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**PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT**

To seek approval to award a three-year contract for mobile phone and data services to EE/BT procured via the NHS London procurement partnership agreement.

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**REPORT DETAILS**

**1. Background**

- 1.1 The current mobile telephone and data contract has expired.
- 1.2 A procurement exercise was completed to secure a three-year mobile data contract with the existing mobile data supplier via the NHS London procurement partnership agreement framework.
- 1.3 BT have issued a notice that the 3G network will be switched off in January 2024, these mobiles will likely need replacement before the deadline.

**2. Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1 This is a three-year contract with a total cost of £121,122
- 2.2 A technical fund of £47,975 over the three years to procure mobile phone upgrades and replacements is included.
- 2.3 A monthly tariff of £6.50 per device for data only and £8.50 for voice and data.
- 2.4 Includes 1gb data per device per month (aggregated across the estate).
- 2.5 The cost of this contract includes all the Council's devices, including those used by Dragonfly. There will be a recharge to Dragonfly for their relative share of the cost.

### **3. Reasons for Recommendation**

- 3.1 The procurement was completed using the NHS London Procurement partnership agreement Framework.
- 3.2 EE/BT are the existing supplier which will avoid the need to port existing number to another network or to replace the SIM cards / devices or APN.

### **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

#### **4.1 Do nothing:**

- 4.1.1 Will cost the Council more money as currently we spend approximately £54,000 per year or £162,000 over 3 years on the existing mobile contract, this may continue to increase whilst out of contract.
- 4.1.2 The aggregated data tariff will not increase from 250mb to 1Gb per device, likely resulting in increased cost by exceeding the data allowance.
- 4.1.3 The Council will need to provide additional funds to replace devices as there will be no technical fund (£47,975) available on the existing contract.

#### **4.2 Invite alternative suppliers to submit bids under the framework, this would:**

- 4.2.1 Incur porting (transferring) all 417 existing numbers to the new supplier, with potential disruption to service.
- 4.2.2 May necessitate the replacement of all or some SIM cards and mobile phones, this would be a significant workload.
- 4.2.3 Would not guarantee a better quality of service, signal coverage or cost.
- 4.2.4 Result in increased costs to the Council during the procurement process.
- 4.2.5 The frameworks complete comparisons to provide value for money and competitively priced tariffs from all suppliers.

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### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That Executive approve awarding the three-year contract for mobile phone and data services to EE/BT.

Approved by Councillor Clive Moesby Portfolio Holder for Resources

#### **IMPLICATIONS.**

**Finance and Risk:**            Yes             No

**Details:**

The new contract can be afforded from within existing budgets.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

<b><u>Legal (including Data Protection):</u></b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Details:</b>		
On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council		
<b><u>Environment:</u></b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal/report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment.		
<b>Details:</b>		
<b><u>Staffing:</u></b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Details:</b>		
On behalf of the Head of Paid Service		

## DECISION INFORMATION

<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards, or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:  <b>Revenue - £75,000</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Capital - £150,000</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	Yes
<b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b> <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i>	Yes

<b>District Wards Significantly Affected</b>	N/A
<b>Consultation:</b> <b>Leader / Deputy Leader</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Executive</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SLT</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Relevant Service Manager</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Members</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	Details:

<b>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy, and Environment.</b>
Making the Best of our assets.
Ensuring financial sustainability.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION	
Appendix No	Title

**Background Papers**

*(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive, you must provide copies of the background papers).*