

Bolsover District Council

Meeting of the Executive on 20th May 2024

Award of three-year wide area network (WAN) data connections contract

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Resources

Classification	This report is Public
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PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

To seek approval to sign a three-year contract with an optional two year extension contract to renew the wide area network (WAN) data connections.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 Wide area network (WAN) data connection links provide network connectivity to the Council offices and outlying offices. The current contract is due for renewal.
- 1.2 A tender process will be completed following procurement rules using a procurement framework during April and May, to select a provider.
- 1.3 New connections usually have a minimum three year term and include installation costs.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 To agree to sign a three year, plus two year optional extension contract for WAN data connections contract with the chosen supplier. The approximate value of the contract over three years will be £80,000. If we extend for an additional two years it would be approximately £133,000 in total. The Authority will be billed annually, quarterly, or monthly..

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 Renewing the contract is likely to reduce the cost of the connections.
- 3.2 The procurement will request to renew three authorities' connections at once which usually makes the contract more attractive to suppliers, usually securing a better price for the Authority.

3.3 The new contract will be completed following the Authority's procurement tender process and will be awarded via a procurement framework.

3.4 By entering into a three year agreement, the prices are fixed and do not increase yearly.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Continue with the current supplier, however, this will not provide any cost reductions to the Council and will continue to increase yearly.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. To award a three-year contract for a new WAN data connection contract with an optional 2-year extension.
2. To delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to select the preferred supplier following the procurement exercise.

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

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

By using a framework the Council is complying with the Council's Contract Procurement Rules.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Environment: Yes No

Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal/report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment.

Details:

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? 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:</p> <p>Revenue - £75,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i></p>	<p>Yes</p>

<p>District Wards Significantly Affected</p>	<p>(please state which wards or state All if all wards are affected)</p> <p>Not Applicable</p>
<p>Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Details:</p>

<p>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy, and Environment.</p>
<p>Making best use of our assets Ensuring financial sustainability</p>

DOCUMENT INFORMATION	
Appendix No	Title

<p>Background Papers <i>(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).</i></p>