

**TO: THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CULTURE, CORPORATE SERVICES AND
PUBLIC PROTECION
4 NOVEMBER 2014**

**CONTRACT FOR SUPPLY OF TELECOMS, NETWORK LINKS AND ISP CONNECTIONS
Director of Corporate Services**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To approve the Procurement Plan for the Supply of Telecoms, Network Links and ISP (Internet Service Provider) Connection

2 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 That the Procurement Plan for the supply of Telecoms, Network Links and ISP (Internet Service Provider) Connection, attached at Annex 1 of the Director of Corporate Services report, is approved.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 It is a requirement of the Contract Standing Orders that the Executive member approves any Procurement Plan with a value in excess of £400,000. This decision seeks approval for the procurement process.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 Two options were considered and are detailed in the Procurement Plan, Section 6.
- 4.2 The option to do nothing will not give value for money as existing arrangements would revert to annual contracts at non-competitive prices.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The supply of telecommunications provision to Bracknell Forest Council including the supply of Fixed line telephony, network point to point links and internet services were all awarded in 2010 following three separate mini competitions within the Government Procurement Services framework, Telecoms Networks Framework, RM374 Lots 1, 2 and 3. The Government Procurement Service has since been renamed as the Crown Commercial Services (CCS). The call off arrangements under the CCS frameworks expire during 2015 and as future expenditure will exceed the Public Contract Regulations threshold for these services a tender process is required.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 The proposed procurement is to proceed by way of a call-off from a framework contract that is already known to be compliant with the requirements of the Public Contracts Regulations.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 The use of an existing arrangement offers the opportunity of ensuring that the services to be procured are at best value and within the current budget approvals. It is hoped that savings can be achieved and these can be identified as part of the 2016/17 Budget proposals following the award of the contract.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 Equality Screening Record attached at Annex 2 of this report.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 If the council were not to tender for the Supply of Telecoms, Network Links and ISP Connectivity it will be at risk of exceeding the Public Contract Regulations threshold and not achieving value for money.

7 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Council Officers including the Head of Procurement, ICT Category Manager and Assistant Borough Solicitor were consulted in the drafting of the Plan.

Background Papers

- Annex 1 The Supply of Telecoms, Network Links and ISP Connectivity Procurement Plan (Restricted document)
- Annex 2 The Supply of Telecoms, Network Links and ISP Connectivity Equality Screening Record

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