Report to Cabinet Item

18 December 2019

**Report of** Strategic director of policy, communication and culture

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**Subject** The award of contract for an external wide area network

and internet services (WAN)

#### **KEY DECISION**

# **Purpose**

To seek approval to award a contract for an external wide area network and internet services (WAN).

#### Recommendation

To award the contract for an external wide area network and internet services (WAN) to Updata Infrastructure UK Limited for the four year period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2024.

# Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priority a healthy organisation.

# **Financial implications**

The total awarded value is £260,000 for the full four year contract. This is within existing budgets.

Ward/s: All Wards

Cabinet member: Councillor Kendrick - Resources

#### **Contact officers**

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# **Background documents**

None

# Report

# **Background**

- 1. The council requires a wide area network (WAN) to cover all council buildings in respect of external network and internet services
- 2. The WAN is the telecommunications network that supports all of our external communications structure.
- 3. The council is currently in contract with Updata Infrastructure UK Limited.
- 4. This contract was awarded under a Norfolk County Council framework and expires on the 31 March 2020.
- 5. A new contract is required for continuity of service. Therefore the new contract is required to start on 1 April 2020 and will expire on 31 March 2024.

#### **Procurement Process**

- 6. The Norfolk County Council framework has been confirmed to continue for a further four year period.
- 7. Use of a framework ensures the procurement is compliant with the Public Contract Regulations 2015. The supplier offering these services are accredited to the framework and have already been vetted and overall capability proven.
- 8. Updata Infrastructure UK Limited, the incumbent, is the only supplier on this framework
- 9. No issues have been identified with the service provided by the incumbent and an award under the framework will satisfy the both the legislation and the council's contract procedures.

#### Recommendation

- 10. To award the contract to Updata Infrastructure UK Limited
- 11. The total awarded value is £260,000 for the full four year contract

# **Integrated impact assessment**



The IIA should assess the impact of the recommendation being made by the report

Detailed guidance to help with the completion of the assessment can be found here. Delete this row after completion

Report author to complete					
Committee:	Cabinet				
Committee date:	18 December 2019				
Director / Head of service	Nikki Rotsos, strategic director of policy, communications and culture				
Report subject:	For the procurement of external wide area network and internet services (WAN)				
Date assessed:	11 December 2019				

	Impact			
Economic (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Finance (value for money)				Funding is covered via existing ICT development budgets. VFM achieved using Framework
Other departments and services e.g. office facilities, customer contact				Continued service
ICT services				
Economic development				
Financial inclusion				
Social (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Safeguarding children and adults				
S17 crime and disorder act 1998				
Human Rights Act 1998	$\boxtimes$			
Health and well being				

		Impact		
Equality and diversity (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Relations between groups (cohesion)				
Eliminating discrimination & harassment				
Advancing equality of opportunity				
Environmental (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Transportation				
Natural and built environment				
Waste minimisation & resource use				
Pollution				
Sustainable procurement				
Energy and climate change				
(Please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Risk management				Continued service