

## **The Vale of Glamorgan Council**

### **Cabinet Meeting: 3 October, 2016**

#### **Report of the Leader**

### **Supply of Servers for Oracle E-Business Suite**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To advise cabinet of a proposed contract for the supply of servers and associated services for the Oracle E- Business Suite.

#### **Recommendations**

1. That Cabinet note the intention to recommend the award of a contract under National Procurement Service of Wales (NPS) Framework Agreement NPS–ICT–0019–15 – Lot 6: Servers and Storage Devices the details of which are the subject of a Part II report which follows later on this agenda.
2. That the contract is awarded on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender the details of which are the subject of a Part II report which follows later on in this agenda.

#### **Reasons for the Recommendations**

1. To advise Cabinet of the intention to enter into a contract.
2. To allow the matter to be dealt with under Part II

#### **Background**

2. The existing servers that host the E-Business Suite were originally purchased in 2006 and the main database servers were refreshed in 2010 and while they have performed extremely well over that period it is becoming more difficult to obtain spares and more expensive to support them.
3. The risk of server failure increases with age and to avoid any problems with the hardware that supports our main financial and HR systems, it is deemed appropriate to replace that hardware at this time.
4. The National Procurement Service of Wales (NPS) has released a new framework agreement for servers and storage devices and a tender on the basis of a further competition has been published to all suppliers on that framework.

5. Welsh Government has mandated that all Public Sector bodies should use framework agreements where appropriate so the procurement process in this instance has been greatly simplified for the Council.

### **Relevant Issues and Options**

6. Two suppliers have responded to the tender and their bids have been evaluated. The two companies are:

Computacenter (UK) Ltd

Insight Direct (UK) Ltd

7. The two tenders received have proposed slightly different technical solutions, but which both meet the required criteria for processing power, high availability and the provision of a disaster recovery facility.
8. The evaluation processes has identified a clear winner on the basis of a 70/30 split of cost and quality and are both within the capital allocation for this project.

### **Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)**

9. The award of this contract under the new NPS Framework Agreement will make savings over the current arrangements in place by reducing the cost of support and maintenance, reducing the amount of electrical power used to run the E-Business Suite and freeing up a server room that can be reallocated as office accommodation as part of the space project. The number of servers will be greatly reduced which should also reduce the support demands on ICT Staff.

### **Sustainability and Climate Change Implications**

10. The award of the contract will reduce the electrical power to run the E-Business Suite.

### **Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)**

11. The Council will need to enter into a call-off contract under the terms and conditions of the NPS Framework Agreement which has been developed by NPS and agreed by the Welsh Government.
12. The procurement has been carried out in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and Procurement Code of Practice.

### **Crime and Disorder Implications**

13. There are no crime and disorder implications for this report.

### **Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)**

14. There are no Equal Opportunities implications for this report..

### **Corporate/Service Objectives**

15. This project comes under the priority outcome of Community Leadership

### **Policy Framework and Budget**

16. This is a matter for decision by Cabinet.

## **Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)**

17. No ward member consultation has taken place.

## **Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

18. Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee.

## **Background Papers**

NPS Framework Agreement

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