

DECISION NOTICE (GMP)

Decision author and proposer: Mark Rawlinson/Alison Harper

Subject:
A0950 Microsoft Licences

Type of decision: Tender			
Deputy decision	Mayor's	X	Chief Officer's decision

<p>The decision is that:</p> <p>Approval is given to tender the contract for the supply of Microsoft Licences using the aggregation exercise run by ESPO\Crown Commercial Suppliers.</p> <p>GMP require a 3+1+1+1 contract.</p>
<p>The reasons for the decision are:</p> <p>Microsoft licences are the most expensive spend of GMP's IT department every year and cover all Windows, Server, and Azure costs. The approximate spend per annum is nearly £6million</p> <p>Procurement legislation requires GMP to award a new contract for these goods and services. It is recommended that GMP participate in the ESPO Crown Commercial Supplier aggregation exercise. There is an expectation that GMP may benefit from the combined purchasing power of a number of public sector bodies and indeed other bodies may benefit from the inclusion of GMP.</p> <p>GMP may undertake a benchmarking exercise, if the delivered pricing is not seen as the best available and indeed may withdraw and run our own exercise. A further approval would be sought if this approach was necessary. GMP are not committed to purchase following the aggregation exercise.</p>
<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do nothing – rejected as non-compliant with Procurement Legislation and Chief Constable's Financial Instructions • Undertake a bespoke procurement exercise (OJEU) –rejected as a suitable exercise is being undertaken. • Extend current arrangements – rejected as non-compliant with Procurement Legislation and Chief Constable's Financial Instructions.

Financial comments:

The estimated contract value is £6 million per annum and there is appropriate provision for this in the current budgets

Legal comments:

The contract will be awarded as per the standard terms and conditions of the ESPO\Crown Commercial Suppliers.

These have been reviewed by the Force Contracts Solicitor and no issues have been identified.

Risk Assessment:

As this is a compliant route to market there is no risk of a challenge to the tender process

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Signed on behalf of GMP



Signed.....

Name:.....IAN COSH

Date.....24 MAY 2023

Signed on behalf of GMCA Treasurer

Signed: 

Name: Steve Wilson

Date: 06/06/2023

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

Signed: 

Name Kate Green

Date: 07/06/2023