

# **Proposed Decision to be made by the Joint Managing Director for Resources on or after 15 September 2017**

## **Approval to Proceed with Procurement – Provision of Mobile Voice and Data Services**

### **Recommendations**

- 1) That the Joint Managing Director for Resources approves proceeding with an appropriate procurement process for the provision of Mobile Voice and Data Services.
- 2) That the Joint Managing Director for Resources approves and authorises the Head of Performance and ICT Services to enter into all relevant contracts for the provision of Mobile Voice and Data Services, on terms and conditions acceptable to the Head of Law and Governance.

### **1.0 Background**

- 1.1 This report requests the approval to proceed with the procurement for Mobile Voice and Data Services. The Crown Commercial Services framework “Network Services RM1045” will be used as the route to market.
- 1.2 A contract coming from this procurement exercise is expected to be for at least a two year term with options to extend it to a maximum of three further years.
- 1.3 Over a five year term, based on the NFC75 Indicative Savings Analysis Tool, spend is expected to be in the range of £800,000. All rental and usage costs are recharged to individual users.
- 1.4 This Procurement is the renewal of an existing requirement without significant changes. The existing arrangement is an essential and core service for WCC, with currently just under 3,500 active connections, the majority of which are being used in mobile phone devices. It also continues to support our smarter/flexible working initiative.
- 1.5 Any costs associated with this contract will be met from within the resources allocated to the service.

### **2.0 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps**

- 2.1 The existing contract expires on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. It is proposed that the tender will be launched in October/November 2017, with the new contract commencing in April 2018.

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