

<b>CONSENT TO URGENT DECISION</b>	<b>PART 1</b> (to be completed by the person seeking consent)	
<b>Proposed Decision Maker</b>	Leader of the Council	<b>Date for Decision</b>
The Leader of the Council		27 May 2021
<b>Title:</b> Microsoft Licence Re-procurement		
<b>Summary of matter</b>		
<p>The initial term of the Microsoft licences terminates at the end of May, these licences are critical to the operation of the organisation and cover Microsoft 365 (used by everyone within the organisation for Microsoft Windows on SurfacePro devices and Microsoft Office) and our supporting server infrastructure. The ongoing provision of these licences has been included within budget setting.</p>		
<b>Proposed Decision</b>		
<p>That the Leader approves the re-procurement of the Microsoft Licences for a 3 year term with the existing Microsoft reseller (Phoenix), a total contract value of £5.4m, and authorises the Strategic Director for Resources to authorise the execution of the relevant agreements on terms acceptable to the Monitoring Officer.</p>		
<b>Reasons for Urgency</b>		
<p>The reseller has advised that Microsoft are currently experiencing a backlog in processing licence renewals due to demand resulting from the release of a revised and advantageous pricing structure negotiated by Crown Commercial Services (know as DTA21) which provides public sector bodies with preferential rates for Microsoft licencing. The re-procurement of the licence agreement has been pending the release of DTA21 and our review of the commercial benefit this affords us which has resulted in the need for an urgent decision.</p>		
<b>Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?</b> <i>[please identify relevant plan/budget provision]</i>		
No		
<b>PART 2</b> (to be completed by the person giving consent)		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Councillor Adrian Warwick</b>	
<b>Office Held</b>	<b>Chair of the Resources and Fire &amp; Rescue OSC</b>	
<i>Signed</i>		
<b>Date consent is given</b>	26/05/2021	