



**OFFICIAL DECISION NOTICE PUBLISHED BY
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The Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Transformation and the Cabinet Member for Finance have made the following decision today:

1.	<p>CABINET MEMBER FOR CORPORATE SERVICES AND TRANSFORMATION AND CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE</p> <p>CAPITAL RELEASE REPORT (MAY 2021) DEPARTMENT: RESIDENT SERVICES SERVICE AREA: ICT CORPORATE TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION PROGRAMME 2021/22 – 2025/26 - TELEPHONY, LAN, WAN AND INTERNET SECURITY PROJECT RELEASE NO: 1</p> <p>DECISION:</p> <p>That the Cabinet Member for Finance and the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Transformation agreed to the capital release request of £810k from the 2021/22-2025/26 ICT Corporate Technology & Innovation Programme Capital Budget for the funding of the Telephony, LAN, WAN, and Internet Security Project.</p> <p>REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS MADE</p> <p>A robust telephony system and network infrastructure is essential for the Council's business continuity. The Telephony and Network Infrastructure are key Information Technology components that enable Council staff to communicate with each other, with residents and with third party contacts via the corporate telephony system, and to access the Council's applications and data in the delivery of services to residents.</p> <p>The contract for Telephony, LAN, WAN and Internet Security services was approved by Cabinet in March 2021. It provides support and maintenance for the existing telephony and network infrastructure, enabling Council staff to continue fulfilling services to residents, while allowing ICT and the selected partner to transform these services to a modern, cost-effective replacement solution that conforms to the ICT strategy of reducing reliance upon the Civic Centre by using Cloud, Hosted or Hybrid technologies where appropriate.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</p> <p>The March 2021 Telephony, LAN, WAN and Internet Security Cabinet report considered and rejected three alternative options. This report requested the release of the capital element for Year 1 of the contract and, therefore, enabled the implementation of Cabinet's decision on the contract and does not consider any further options.</p>	<p><i>Perry Scott, Director of Infrastructure, Procurement, Business Improvement, Communications, Waste Services and ICT</i></p> <p><i>Michael Clarke, Residents Services</i></p>
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	<p>FURTHER INFORMATION</p> <p>That this report be declared as exempt from publication as it involves the disclosure of information in accordance with Section 100(A) and paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), in that the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.</p>	
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DECISION AUTHORITY & IMPLEMENTATION

Where required, these decisions have been taken under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

These decisions come into effect at 5pm on Thursday 27 May 2021.

This is the formal notice by the Council of the above decisions. If you would like more information on any of the decisions, please contact Democratic Services on 01895 250636. The right hand column indicates the name of the officer(s) responsible for implementing / following up the decision in each case. Circulation of this decisions sheet is to a variety of people including Members of the Council, Corporate Directors, Officers, Group Secretariats and the Public.