

NOTICE

In accordance with paragraph 13.11 of the Council's Constitution, the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Chief Executive is satisfied that a matter of urgency has arisen in connection with the work of the Cabinet and requires a decision before the next regular meeting of Cabinet. In such circumstances the Leader of the Council is authorised to take the Key Decision.

SPECIAL URGENCY PROVISION NOTICE

The Council current provider (OneAdvanced) issued an End of Support Notice to the Council in May 2026 advising that all support and maintenance will be withdrawn from the product at the end of May 2027. Furthermore, they also indicated that it is unlikely that they will be prepared to issue licensing for the current system beyond February 2027.

The Council must have a finance management system that is operationally viable in the short term, and which meets the Council's minimum viable product requirements until a longer term solution is put in place for a new unitary council.

An options appraisal has been completed which has considered alternative approaches to providing a financial system; however, based on the timeline for End of Support of the current system, the recommended approach from a risk management perspective is considered to be a renewal of contract with OneAdvanced.

It is therefore the intention to award a contract to OneAdvanced for an initial term of 3 years plus two one year options via the RM6285 GCA framework for an estimated initial contract value of £398,657.85.

Within the contract there will be a requirement for the Council to commit to implement their cloud-based system by no later than December 2027. This will be a significant undertaking and therefore a timely decision now will enable the maximum amount of time to be able to achieve this, having regard to the resources and management of this process.

The initial intention had been for the matter to be considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 28th September and had been included within the Decision Planner in anticipation. However, due to reasons set out in this Notice, it has become necessary to consider the matter at pace and award the contract in advance of that date.

In accordance with paragraph 15.17 (Special Urgency relating to key Decisions), the Chairman of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee, having considered the matter, is in agreement that the taking of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

Accordingly, Notice is given that, in accordance with the Council's Constitution, Councillor Tom Cunningham, Leader of the Council, will be taking the Key Decision.

A report will be taken to the next available meeting of Council, setting out the particulars of the decisions taken, and a summary of the matters in respect of that decision.



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