

**Committee: Council**

**Date: 10 September 2014**

Wards: All

## **Subject: Call-in and Urgency – IT Storage Area Network Replacement**

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### **Recommendations:**

- A. That Council note the taking of an urgent key decision and the waiving of the call-in procedure.

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## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1. This report appries Council of the taking of an urgent key decision in accordance with the provisions of Part 4 E, section 17 of the Council's constitution.

## **2 DETAILS**

- 2.1. The Constitution makes provision for the taking of an urgent decision i.e.

“Part 4 E, Paragraph 17(a) states that the call-in procedure ...shall not apply where the decision being taken is urgent. A decision will be urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests.

- 2.2. In accordance with paragraph 17(b) of the constitution the above titled report presented to The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Commission was brought to the attention of the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Commission who made the following statement:

*“the award of a new contract for IT equipment to replace existing SAN equipment which is nearing the end of its planned life and is no longer capable of quick and effective recovery. I having read the report and its recommendations to whom the contract should be awarded to and accept that the recommendation is based on a fair tendering process. I have also read the argument for making the decision quickly in order to terminate the existing contract and take advantage of a time limited pricing offer from the proposed supplier, while ensuring continuity of service. I accept these timing pressures do not allow for the decision to be taken within the normal framework set out in the constitution.”*

A copy of the published notice has been included as Appendix A.

- 2.3. Paragraph (c) of section 17 requires that “Decisions taken as a matter of urgency must be reported to the next available meeting of the Council

together with the reason for urgency (the reason for urgency is identified at 2.2 above).

**3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

3.1. None for the purpose of this report.

**4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED**

4.1. None for the purpose of this report.

**5 TIMETABLE**

5.1. None for the purpose of this report

**6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1. None for the purpose of this report.

**7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1. None for the purpose of this report.

**8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**

8.1. None for the purpose of this report.

**9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

9.1. None for the purpose of this report.

**10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

10.1. None for the purpose of this report.

**11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT**

Appendix A - Notice of Decision

**12 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

12.1. None.