

COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

Explanatory Note

The Leader of the Council has established Delegation Schemes by which certain decisions may be made by the relevant cabinet member or specific officers.

Cabinet member decisions are subject to review under the Call-in Procedure.

From the date the notice of the decision made is published there are five working days during which any five Councillors may sign a request for the decision to be reviewed (called in) and deliver it to the Proper Officer.

If, at the end of the period, no request has been made, the decision may be implemented. If a valid call- in request has been made, the matter will be referred to the Scrutiny Panel

Part A – To be completed by the appropriate Cabinet Member/Officer

Decision to award Contract for core finance system

Delegated Power

Authority delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Resources through the Scheme of Delegation

Decision Taken

Award of contract for our core finance system to Cloud Financials for a period of 5 years

Key Decision

No

Forward Plan

No

Reasons for the Decision

The current contract for e-financials (our existing core finance system) runs until 30 October 2023. To maintain compliance with Council Governance and Procurement regulations, CBC must undertake a procurement exercise to let the next contract for a finance system.

The current supplier has a new cloud-based finance application to which they offer a managed migration from e-financials, and the Council has engaged with ABS to arrange pre-market demonstrations of the new Cloud Financials application. This new Cloud Financials application is fit for purpose; meeting current requirements and being a significant improvement on the current solution

Utilising the Framework RM3821 provides a compliant, cost-effective route to procure and pre-market engagement work has provided assurance that this route provides the best available price

Alternative Options

The alternative option would be to undertake a wider formal market engagement leading to a specification and open tender process. Taking this alternative approach would lead to increased timelines, increased costs, increased risk, and increased resourcing levels

Conflict of Interest

No conflict of interest has been declared

Dispensation by Head of Paid Service

None

Dispensation by Monitoring Officer

None

Approved by Portfolio Holder for Resources

Signature Councillor Sue Lissimore

Date 26 April 2022

(**NB** For Key Decisions the report must be made available to the public for five clear days prior to the period for call-in commencing)

Part B – To be completed by the Proper Officer (Democratic Services)

Portfolio Holder Decision Reference Number

RES-011-021

Implementation Date

This decision can be implemented if no request for the decision to be reviewed (call-in) has been made **after 5pm on Tuesday 3 May 2022**

Call-in Procedure

The Decision Notice for this decision was published on the internet on ***Tuesday 26 April 2022***.

A request for reference to the Scrutiny Panel must be made by **5pm on Tuesday 3 May 2022**.

Signature of Proper Officer
K Barnard