



CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

That approval is granted to award a two year contract with the Council's software supplier of Revenue and Benefits for the period 1 January 2018 – 31 December 2019.

(1) Details of Decision

To seek approval to enter into a 2 year contract with the incumbent software supplier for the continuation of specialist software services to support the delivery of Revenues and Benefits services.

(2) Considerations/Evidence

A contract price for the proposed two year period has been agreed with the supplier and is in accordance with budgetary sums already set out in the indicative budgets for 2018/19 and 2019/20 respectively.

(3) Reasons for Decision:

The current system supports the services required by claimants, businesses and residents across the district and is flexible and responsive to changing processes and legislative requirements. A potential system change at this time would significantly increase the risk of service disruption to all stakeholders and could result in an increased financial burden to the Council. Furthermore there are significant risks associated with changing the system at this time most notably with respect to the impact of Universal Credit (UC) rollout which commences later this year. A change in system could negatively impact significantly on benefit claimants and other customer groups by way of service disruption. A two year arrangement with the current supplier would provide adequate time to fully consider the service impact of UC and enable any potential system change to be undertaken once benefit claimants have migrated onto UC.

Conflicts of Interest

(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded).

NONE

Dispensations

(Any dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer in respect of any declared conflict of interest to be noted).

NONE

Decision taken by:

Name: Councillor Kelham Cooke
Deputy Leader also Cabinet Member for Business Transformation and Commissioning

Date of Decision: 29 June 2017

Date of Publication of Record of Decision: 30 June 2017

Date decision effective (i.e. 5 days after the date of publication of record of decision unless subject to call-in by the Chairman of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee or any 5 members of the Council from any political groups):

07 July 2017