

SPECIAL URGENT DECISION BY THE LEADER

**FINANCE, LEGAL, PROCUREMENT AND ICT
PORTFOLIO
3 JUNE 2009**

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF TRANSFORMATIONAL SERVICES – 09/344
on
AUTHORISATION TO ENTER MICROSOFT ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT**

DECISION

That:

- (i) the report be received; and
- (ii) entry by the Council into a Microsoft Enterprise Agreement (EA) for the future provision of Microsoft Software using a framework agreement let by the Office of Government Commerce for a duration of three years at a cost of £198,900 be approved.

REASONS FOR DECISION

A key part of delivering the Council's transformational agenda is to implement a solid foundation of integrated 'core technology' components. Their combination and integration will provide a sustainable base for service improvements delivered through our corporate projects.

A key component in delivering this 'core infrastructure' is for the Council to enter into a Microsoft Enterprise Agreement (EA). This will allow the Council to install the latest versions of Microsoft's core desktop software products and client access licences (CAL's) (See Appendix A to the report), across the Council's PC estate, for a fixed annual fee per year. The length of the agreement is three years.

Highlighted risks

There are no significant risks to proceeding with the Enterprise agreement as the Council already utilises many Microsoft products. However there is a risk if the Council does not enable itself to update the current products in the most cost effective manner, as its partners continue to use later version the sharing of information and documents becomes less efficient.

Reasons for urgent decision

The Office of Government Commerce have recently entered into an agreement with Microsoft for a revised pricing scheme within a framework agreement tendered in accordance with EU Directives, more commonly known as the Public Sector Agreement 2009 (PSA09). Entry into this agreement is open to this Council. There are significant savings to be made if the agreement is entered into before 15th June 2009.

From the 15th June the prices increase for all Enterprise Agreements. Under the pricing scheme thereafter the same 3 year agreement would cost £248,625 an increase of £50,625. Accordingly entry into the agreement cannot reasonably be delayed.

**ANY RELEVANT INTERESTS DECLARED BY LEADER AND ANY
DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

None.

DATE OF DECISION:

Wednesday, 3 June 2009

**AGREEMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, 3 June 2009

IMPLEMENTATION DATE :

Wednesday, 3 June 2009

Signed

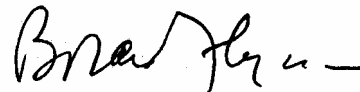


**Councillor T Fox
Leader of the Council**

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3 June 2009
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**Councillor B A O'Flynn
Chairman of Service
Performance Overview and
Scrutiny Committee**

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