

REPORT TO; Gary Fielding- Corporate Director

DECISION DATE: 27th March 2020

SUPPORTING ANNEX; This report includes a supporting Annex which contains exempt information as described in paragraphs 1, 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Authorities procure WIFI and an LPWAN for the town of Harrogate using a Competitive Procedure with Negotiation(CPN) process.

BACKGROUND TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION

Public WiFi has become a key offer in a town or event space. It improves access to social media and, via associated channels, real-time information. This project aims to raise the profile of the Harrogate district and increased visitor circulation. WiFi will be particularly beneficial to rural towns, where existing mobile connectivity can be limited.

Low Powered Wide Area Networks (LPWANs) support growth within the digital tech sector by providing the necessary data and technology platforms for innovation and product development in a globally emerging IoT market. IoT solutions can provide significant cost savings, efficiencies and new business insights. will present new opportunities for marketing and promoting the district. Improving our understanding of how people interact with our towns also allows public sector bodies to make targeted interventions.

LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE COMPLIANCE

The value of this contract is £350,000. It will therefore need to be procured in a manner compliant with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 .

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Authorities complete an CPN OJEU process to appoint a successful provider.