

## **To discontinue the procurement procedure for provision of a Data Architecture Solution**

**REPORT TO;** The Director, Transformation

**DECISION DATE:** 15/07/2025

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

### **PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION**

To discontinue the procurement procedure for provision of a Data Architecture Solution

### **BACKGROUND TO SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION**

It became clear throughout the evaluation process that some of the award questions led to common misinterpretation, and this has unduly affected the scores of all submitted responses.

The Council intends to review and amend the award questions. The Council also intends to use this opportunity to review the clarification questions and responses that were received and issued during the further competition period to determine where amendments can be made to the specification.

For the purposes of this decision note 'discontinuing' the procurement is cancelling or abandoning the procurement and is considered to be one and the same.

### **LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE COMPLIANCE**

A competitive procurement exercise was undertaken by the Council's Procurement and Contract Management Service via a call-off under the CCS Framework RM6100 Technology Services Three (Lot 2 and 3d). Due to the reasons outlined above, the proposal is to discontinue this procurement, amend the award question and specification and complete a further procurement exercise with the amended questions and specification.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the procurement exercise be discontinued.

15 July 2025