

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1. Meeting:	Cabinet Member and Advisers for Finance
2. Date:	Monday 15 September 2014
3. Title:	Oracle Licence and System Support Renewal
4. Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

The Council utilises UNIX servers and Oracle databases for its Enterprise Systems, including Swift Social Care and Revenues & Benefits.

The annual maintenance of the hardware and software costs £22,844.

Exemption from Standing Orders is sought on the basis that only the supplier (Oracle) are capable of supporting this hardware and software.

6. Recommendation

It is recommended that the contract for hardware and support and maintenance of the UNIX servers and Oracle databases be exempt from the provisions of standing order 47.6.3 (requirement to invite at least 3 written quotations for contracts with a value of £20,000 but less than £50,000).

7. Proposals and Details

RMBC utilise UNIX servers and Oracle databases to host their Enterprise Systems.

A maintenance and support contract exists (renewed annually) so that Oracle can provide support to the local authority (ICT) for hardware and software issues that may arise.

The annual maintenance support agreement provided by Oracle cannot be provided by a different software supplier.

ICT and Procurement Services have confirmed that the provision of this hardware and software support and maintenance can only be done by Oracle.

As such a request is made for the provision of UNIX servers hardware and software support be exempt from the provisions of standing order 47.6.3 (requirement to invite at least 3 written quotations for contracts with a value of £20,000 but less than £50,000) and the contract be awarded to Oracle

The cost of this support and maintenance contract for 2014/15 is £22,844.

This cost is covered by the ICT Service budget.

8. Finance

The cost of Unix Servers and Oracle database support is set out above.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The UNIX servers are critical to several key statutory services.

If we do not renew hardware and software support and maintenance, the continued use of the servers will be put at risk and those key statutory services will be unable to operate.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Policy and performance issues are discussed elsewhere in this report.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Consultation has taken place with colleagues Legal, Finance and Procurement Services and all have confirmed agreement with the proposals.

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