

To: POLICY AND RESOURCES (FINANCE & CUSTOMER SERVICES) SUB-COMMITTEE		Subject: Procurement of Security Information Event Management System
From: HEAD OF E-GOVERNMENT & SERVICE DEVELOPMENT		
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1 Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval to award a contract for a Security Information Event Management (SIEM) system that will assist in maintaining North Lanarkshire Councils' Public Services Network (PSN) compliance.

2 Background

2.1 As part of the Council's response to maintaining its compliance with the Public Services Network (PSN) a commitment was given to the UK Cabinet Office that a Security Information Event Management (SIEM) system would be implemented to log and monitor ICT security incidents, threats and events. The requirement for this type of management software was also highlighted as part of the Council's external audit of its ICT arrangements.

2.2 A specialist in ICT security was commissioned to assist in the evaluation of potential solutions. This expertise was secured through the UK Governments CESG Listed Adviser Scheme (CLAS). Work had already been undertaken with a CLAS consultant to secure our existing PSN compliance status.

3 Evaluation Process

3.1 The CLAS consultant completed market research and an evaluation of solutions available via the procurement framework - GCloud 5. This is a government procurement framework for ICT protective monitoring and PSN GPG13 services.

3.2 A technical workshop was held in November 2014 involving senior Council ICT staff and the CLAS consultant to establish Council requirements and to produce a template that would assist in the evaluation of solutions available.

3.3 A short list of six suppliers was agreed, these being: Atos (Canopy); Cassidian; Dell (Secureworks); HP; QinetiQ and Surecloud.

3.4 A detailed workshop was held in early February to refine requirements and also to examine affordability, this reduced the shortlist to 2 suppliers - ATOS and Dell. The final costs for these suppliers are detailed below:

Supplier	Cost (over 2 years)
Atos (Canopy)	£331,234
Dell (Secureworks)	£297,649.26

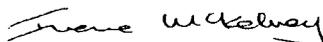
3.5 The supplier providing the most economically advantageous solution is therefore Dell with their system Secureworks.

4 Financial Considerations

- 4.1 A budget of £350,000 was approved for the purchase and deployment of this solution and this is sufficient to meet the set up costs of £50,000 and the 2 year licensing cost of £297,649.26 outlined above.
- 4.2 It should be noted that the GCloud framework does not allow contracts of greater length than 2 years, however by the end of this period it is hoped that a shared services solution may be available which would, through economies of scale, reduce the annual cost to participating Councils.
- 4.3 The Scottish Warning, Advice and Reporting Point (WARP) security group are currently examining such an option and NLC is fully engaged in this process.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to note that in accordance with the delegations given to the Executive Director of Corporate Services, and following consultation with the Convener of Policy and Resources (Finance & Customer Services), this contract has been awarded to Dell for the supply of a Security Information Event Management system to ensure continued PSN compliance.



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