

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting23rd March 2016

1. Title of Item/Report

Xentrall Shared Services - Northumberland CC ICT Hosting

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on Xentrall Shared Services to providing Northumberland County Council with an ICT hosting service.

When Xentrall was formed in 2008, investment was made in a new data centre at Darlington Town Hall to host both Council's ICT equipment. This was to replace the existing ageing facilities. This new main data centre in Darlington was subsequently complimented by a new smaller ICT backup and disaster recovery data centre at Municipal Buildings in Stockton.

Spare space exists in both existing facilities and this included spare capacity in terms of power provision and air cooling.

Discussions over previous years with neighbouring Councils regarding Xentrall ICT hosting had not come to fruition. However, in late 2015 Northumberland County Council published a tender for an ICT hosting service which was a result of the Council's plans to rationalise its property portfolio and move out of County Hall. The Council wished to rent computer room space rather than build both a new main data centre and backup facility from scratch.

Detailed discussions had taken place between Xentrall ICT Services and Northumberland's ICT service on the technical details of a hosting service. Xentrall had also liaised with Stockton and Darlington Council's landlord and insurance teams. Both Stockton and Darlington legal teams had also been involved and the team at Stockton had liaised with their counterparts in Northumberland. As a result, an agreement had been developed which encompassed the legal, contractual and ICT service management aspects of an ICT hosting proposal.

The hosting requirements of Northumberland could be accommodated within the existing data centres without causing restriction or undue technical or security risk to Stockton and Darlington's existing and future ICT assets and requirements.

The hosting agreement would be renewed on an annual basis, with an expectation that Northumberland's volume of ICT racks would reduce in future years, reflecting the Council's reducing (in number) and shrinking (in size) ICT server requirements over the longer-term.

RESOLVED that delegated powers be accepted from Northumberland County Council's Cabinet to allow Xentrall Shared Services to provide Northumberland County Council with an ICT hosting service.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To extend the scope of the existing Stockton and Darlington partnership to include Northumberland County Council to allow Xentrall Shared Services to provide Northumberland with an ICT hosting service.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 4th April 2016

Proper Officer
29 March 2016