

Notice of General Exception

Subject:	Procurement Plan/ Higher Value Contracts and Social Value Update
Purpose:	<p>To enable Cabinet to exercise its strategic oversight of higher value planned procurement projects, in accordance with the constitution.</p> <p>Cabinet will consider the following:</p> <p>Contract Title: General Network Refresh</p> <p>Contract Title: Finance ERP System</p>
Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date of Notice:	27/11/2024
Decision Due:	12/12/2024
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Details of Key Decision	The constitution defines a range of decisions that require a specific Cabinet approval, the financial threshold for which is set at a level of £500k or more.
Reason for General Exception	<p>Contract Title: General Network Refresh</p> <p>Cabinet is required to consider this matter in December in order to access preferential pricing for the project. Preferential pricing has been held until the end of December so it is impracticable to defer the decision until it has been included in the next Forward Plan.</p> <p>Contract Title: Finance ERP System</p> <p>In order to access significantly improved pricing and to avoid the Finance ERP System going 'unsupported' by the end of 2024, the Cabinet will need to determine whether to make a direct award of contract. Although this contract was included on the Annual Procurement Plan approved in March 2024, the route to market has changed and therefore requires further approval. It is impracticable to defer the decision until it has been included in the next Forward Plan. As per paragraph 3.140(b) the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee has been informed of this alteration to the Forward Plan by the Proper Officer.</p>
Background Documentation	N/A