

# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

## CABINET

13 October 2010

### Report of the Information Technology Manager

#### Part 1- Public

#### Executive Non Key Decisions

#### 1 TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF DATA STORAGE

##### Summary

**Under Contracts Procedure Rule 8.1 this report requests approval to the method of tendering for data storage.**

#### 1.1 Requirement

- 1.1.1 I have previously reported to Members that a strategic objective of the central IT data processing operation is to implement server virtualisation. This project will reduce the volume of physical servers in the central computer suite and provide essential additional data storage whilst also providing additional resilience, reducing energy usage and saving an estimated £50K per annum on server renewals.
- 1.1.2 The final element of this project is the purchase and implementation of data storage – known as a Storage Area Network (SAN) – for the majority of the 100 servers within the computer suite. The funding for this purchase is included within IT Capital Renewals for the current year.
- 1.1.3 The estimated value of this purchase including annual support and maintenance will be above the EU tendering threshold for supplies and services. Under Contracts Procedure Rule 8.1 the method of procurement is an Executive decision and I therefore request approval to use the OGC Buying Solutions electronic tendering portal under their framework agreement for ‘Commoditised IT Hardware and Software – IT Infrastructure Hardware’.

#### 1.2 Legal Implications

- 1.2.1 The recommended method of procurement and the associated terms and conditions have been subject to scrutiny by Legal Services.

#### 1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.3.1 The overall project will provide value for money in terms of continued and improved service as well as financial savings.

**1.4 Risk Assessment**

1.4.1 Not applicable

**1.5 Policy Considerations**

1.5.1 Procurement and Business Continuity/Resilience.

**1.6 Recommendations**

1.6.1 It is **RECOMMENDED** that the OGC Buying Solutions portal be utilised for the data storage tender as detailed above.

Background papers:

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Nil

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