

**Key Decision Report of the Corporate Director for Resources**

<b>Officer key decision</b>	<b>Date: 22 February 2022</b>	<b>Ward(s): All</b>
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**SUBJECT: Extension to arrangements for the supply of parking and civil enforcement IT systems****1. Synopsis**

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to extend arrangements for the supply of parking and civil enforcement IT systems. Existing arrangements are procured via a call-off contract pursuant to the Eastern Shires Procurement Organisation (ESPO) framework agreement ESPO. The call-off contract is between the Council and Taranto Systems Limited (TSL).
- 1.2 The value of the call-off contract signed in 2019 has increased due to the need of additional specialist parking system services being added to the contract. A key decision is required for further additional IT-related parking services that will be purchased over the remaining duration term of the contract term.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 To approve the award of call-off contract to Taranto Systems Limited for the supply of additional IT-related parking and civil enforcement services, pursuant to the ESPO Framework Agreement (reference number 509), to the value of £1.5 million until the end of the existing approved commercial arrangement which expires 31 May 2023.

**3. Date the decision is to be taken:**

22 February 2022

## 4. Background

### 4.1 Nature of the service

The Council needs an IT system for traffic enforcement and management to provide an automated end-to-end notice processing in line with statutory legislation requirements. The IT systems in this area are modular solutions, enabling Councils to manage different aspects of their traffic and parking operations. These services include parking penalty charge notices, licensing support and maintenance, automatic number plate recognition licenses, device handheld licenses etc.

### 4.2 Estimated Value

The Council's call-off contract awarded to TSL for these services had a value of £350k for the initial period of 2 years. In addition, TSL was to be paid 9p per transaction for the Driver and Vehicle Agency Licensing (DVLA) lookup Service and the fleet bureau lookup service. Based on the transaction history, this cost the Council approximately £213k each year. The Council is now seeking to extend the contract by a further period of 2 years at an annual cost of £125k. Therefore, the cost of taking this decision, including the lookup service, is £338k per annum. The total estimated costs of the decision, including the costs of the lookup service for the whole four year period and for the 2 year extension of the contract is £1.1m.

It is proposed that additional services are called off from framework agreement for the remaining duration of the existing contract expiring 31 May 2023. The additional services are to provide a branded online permit management (OPM) portal to integrate with the Council existing payment solutions through a single sign on functionality to increase efficiency. The benefit of the OPM portal is that it allows customers to purchase, apply and renew permits online. The additional services include implementation, deployment of the new module and will include annual support, maintenance and integration with the council's existing IT architecture and systems. This is in line with the direction of the Council to migrate to cloud technology services. The total estimated costs of these additional services will cost £400k to the end of the contract term.

	Previously Approved	Approved by this paper
Initial TSL Contract award (prior 2 years)	£350K	
TSL Contract extension (next 2 years)		£250K
DVLA Lookup for prior 2 years		£426K
DVLA Lookup for 2 year extension period		£426K
<b>Contract and DVLA costs</b>		<b>£1.102M</b>
Project Costs		£400K
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£1.5M</b>

The Council is therefore seeking permission in total to spend £1.5 million from within existing service revenue budgets.

### 4.3 Timetable

The existing agreement agreement has options to run until 31 May 2023.

The new services will be implemented as soon as possible to derive maximum benefit for the remainder of the contract.

### 4.4 Options appraisal

The Council would require the service in order to provide essential public services to residents and businesses, including statutory services. The Council does not have the capacity and capability to provide specialist IT parking and permit system and services in-house and thus needs to procure these services from an external provider.

The current parking and enforcement system is integrated with the wider IT architecture of the Council. Any decision to replace would need to be economically viable and minimise disruption to service.

## 5. Implications

### 5.1 Financial implications:

All contract costs will be met from the contracts budget held by Digital Services. In addition, the DVLA lookup costs that are dependent on the amount of activity are also budgeted for in the on-going revenue budget. These are fully funded over the period of the contract.

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### 5.2 Legal Implications:

- a) This report seeks approval to extend arrangements for the supply of parking and civil enforcement IT systems. Existing arrangements are procured via a call-off contract until 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 pursuant to an Eastern Shires Procurement Organisation (ESPO) framework agreement. The call-off contract is between the Council and Taranto Systems Limited (TSL).
- b) The £1.5m value of the additional extended services with TSL up to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 means that the extension is subject to the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended). The extension is being carried out through a legally compliant ESPO Framework.
- c) The council's Procurement Rules give delegated authority to the Corporate Director to authorise such an extension as it is revenue spend below £2m. The decision is a Key Decision as the spend is over £500k.

### 5.3 **Environmental Implications and contribution to achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030:**

None.

### 5.4 **Equality Impact Assessment:**

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

An Impact Assessment has been completed and accompanies this report.

## **6. Reasons for the decision:**

6.1 To extend arrangements for the supply of parking and civil enforcement IT systems.

## **7. Record of the decision:**

7.1 I have today decided to take the decision set out in section 2 of this report for the reasons set out above.

## **Signed by:**

Corporate Director of Resources

Date 22 February 2022

## **Appendices**

- The Equality Impact Assessment is appended

## **Background papers:** None

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