

# Recordable Decision Summary Notice

## Recordable decision of Corporate Director Resources

### Microsoft Windows Server Licensing and Cloud Consumption Agreement

Date of decision	03 December 2024
Description of decision taken	To award a contract for the Microsoft Windows Server Licencing and Cloud Consumption Agreement (MWSLCCA) using the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) Lot 3 of the RM6098 Technology Products and Associated Services (TePAS) via an aggregated call-off competition.
Reasons for decision	<p>The MWSLCCA equips the Council with the latest versions of the Windows Server operating system and consumption Microsoft Cloud services (e.g., corporate data platform, council website, various cloud servers).</p> <p>A MWSLCCA allows the Council to legally access all the specific system and Cloud services we obtain from Microsoft. These services include: • Windows operating system running our servers Azure Cloud services (corporate data platform, council website, various cloud servers) Microsoft products are only available to be purchased from a licensed reseller, (a company that purchases them with the intention of reselling them) and cannot be purchased from Microsoft directly by the council.</p>
Other options considered	<p>Option 1 – Do nothing Without a valid MWSLCCA in place the Council would not be licenced to use Microsoft server operating systems and would not receive any discounts for Cloud Azure consumption (currently 10%). All IT services would be impacted. In the interest of continued delivery of essential Council services to businesses, partners, residents, and service users, this is not a viable option. 4.1.2.</p> <p>Option 2 – Maintain licencing as part of the MWSEA This would ensure that the Council remain licenced however we would not receive any additional discount that the CCS aggregation would provide. 4.1.3.</p> <p>Option 3 (recommended) – Procure the MWSLCCA via the CCS Aggregation Agreement to achieve enhanced value on Microsoft products and services, leveraging collective buying power to achieve cost savings and improved procurement efficiency.</p>

Any conflict of interest declared by an Executive member consulted	N/A
Details of any dispensation granted to the member by the Standards Committee	N/A