

COUNCIL – 21 APRIL 2022

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

COUNCIL CONSTITUTION – CALL-IN AND URGENCY PROVISIONS

I wish to report that the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services) gave her consent, under Rule 46 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in the Council Constitution to the following issue being dealt with, on the basis that the decision could not be reasonably deferred, and not be subject to call-in.

CABINET MEMBER (REGULATORY, COMPLIANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES) DECISION – 11 FEBRUARY 2022

Procurement of E5 Security Licences for all ICT Microsoft E3 Accounts

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services seeking authority to complete a formal Change Control to the existing Microsoft Enterprise Agreement for Sefton to uplift all Microsoft Office 365 E3 licences to Microsoft E5 Security licences. The decision does not require a procurement exercise to be completed as the authority has already an Enterprise Agreement in Place with Phoenix for the purchase of any licences from Microsoft. This contract was awarded on the 1st of May 2021 via a CSS Framework, which includes the ability to complete variations for the life of the contract.

The appendix to the report is exempt from publication due to the sensitive nature of the ICT Security information within, which could, if released, make the authority more vulnerable to a Cyber Attack.

Decisions Made: That:

- (1) change control be authorised for the existing contract to uplift all Office 365 E3 Licences to E5 Security licences in line with Cyber Security Recommendations. The uplifted contract will run for until 30th of April 2024; and
- (2) it be noted that the Leader of the Council and the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services) had given her consent under Rule 46 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules for this decision to be treated as urgent and not subject to "call in" on the basis that it cannot be reasonably deferred because a Cyber security assessment for Sefton based on recent incidents in other authorities has identified an urgent requirement to change the Microsoft 0365 licencing model for Sefton, this has been agreed by all members of Executive Leadership Team, Senior Leadership Board and Cabinet Member for Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services. Given this risk features on the Corporate risk register there is a need to move forward at pace to secure the

authorities network.

Reasons for the Decisions:

To enhance the Security of Sefton's ICT Environment and reduce the risk of a Cyber attack.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

Do nothing – rejected due to the risk profile to the authority