

## PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

**DMFD161**

### **Title: Procurement of End-User Devices**

*Information may have to be disclosed in the event of a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In the event of a request for confidential facts and advice, please consult the Information Governance team for advice.*

### **This information is not for publication until the stated date, because:**

Publication of the information included in this report is deferred as its disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the London Fire Commissioner.

**Date** at which Part 2 will cease to be confidential or when confidentiality should be reviewed:  
1 October 2022.

### **Legal recommendation on the grounds of keeping the information confidential:**

In the event the information contained in this Part 2 report is the subject of a request for information under section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act), it is considered that access can be denied on the basis that such information constitutes exempt information under:

Section 43(2) of the Act on the basis that the information in this report includes information that is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

### **Public Interest Assessment**

At present, on balance, it is considered that the public interest is best served if the information is not disclosed at this point.

The Information Commissioner has recognised that a wide range of commercial information relating to ongoing procurement activity may be covered by this exemption. In this instance the information in this Part 2 report includes information in relation to future procurement plans to enter into a three-year contract for the procurement of mobile devices and the Commissioner's financial position in relation to this procurement. The exempt information would disclose the Commissioner's financial position and budget in relation to the procurement to potential bidders; and would prejudice the operation of competitive tendering exercises for the new three-year contract.

The recommended period for non-publication of Part 2 is 18 months to allow for the completion of that process, and includes a small allowance for unanticipated slippage in the timetable.

**Legal Adviser** – I make the above recommendations that this information should be considered confidential at this time.

**Name:** Emma Brookman

**Date:** 7 April 2022

### Confidential decision and/or advice:

This report recommends that the Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience authorises the London Fire Commissioner to commit capital expenditure of up to £2,695,000, over a period of three years, for the purposes of procuring a range of end-user computer devices, specifically zero-client devices, laptops/tablets and associated peripherals (i.e. screens, hubs, keyboards and mice).

The financial breakdown is as follows:

Zero-sclient devices	£ 648,000
Tablets and laptops	£1,904,000
Monitors and ancillary products	£143,000
Total	£2,695,000

### Financial comments

This report requests approval for capital spend of up to £2,695,000 to procure a range of end-user computer devices. London Fire Brigade's Capital Programme for 2022-23 to 2024-25 has an overall budget for the replacement of laptops and thin-client devices of £2,575,000, as seen in Table 1, below. The shortfall will come from the £120k underspend in the 2021-22 capital programme which has been carried forward, in relation to the audio-visual equipment budget.

The ICT capital budget will be reprofiled to meet the requirements as follows, £1,394,000 in 2022-23, £541,000 in 2023-24 and £760,000 in 2024-25. This will have no overall increase in the amount of funding required as set out in the current capital programme.

The capital budget is anticipated to be largely funded from external borrowing. The debt charges for the total amount at £2,695,000, set out in this report, will be £606,000 per annum, of which the minimum revenue provision cost is £539,000 based on an average asset life of five years, and the interest cost is £67,000 based on a rate of 2.5 per cent. The debt charges for the capital programme are included in future years revenue budgets as part of the medium-term financial strategy.

**Table 1**

CAPITAL STRATEGY £000s	2022-23 Strategy	2023-24 Strategy	2024-25 Strategy	2025-26 Strategy
ICT projects				
Control and Mobilisation System (CAMS)	3,500	8,000	3,500	0
Mobile data terminals replacement	1,586	0	0	0
Audio equipment for Union St	0	83	0	328
NetScaler replacement	0	0	304	0
Core network component replacement	500	0	0	0
Data centre switches 3750 replacement	195	98	0	0
VM server environment hosts	254	254	254	0
Replacement of laptops	540	569	702	526
New computer terminals – thin client	764	0	0	0
New audio-visual equipment for stations	0	36	0	326
Stars	0	500	597	0
Incident Management System (IMS)	0	150	478	492
Station diary	0	400	0	0
Operational risk database (One Risk)	1,060	1,141	0	0
Appliance workload application	0	500	0	0

Incident command operating system (CURP)	597	0	0	0	
ICT PROJECTS	8,996	11,731	5,836	1,672	