

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

DMFD188

Title: Procurement of Replacement Server Hardware

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This information is not for publication until the stated date, because:

The report contains commercially sensitive information that should not be released ahead of the tender process.

Date at which Part 2 will cease to be confidential or when confidentiality should be reviewed: 30 June 2023.

Legal adviser recommendation on the grounds for not publishing information at this time:

In the event the information contained in this Part Two and/or its appendix 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 which 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. Disclosure by the London Fire Commissioner (LFC) would be likely to have a detrimental effect on the LFC's position and related commercial interest regarding the expenditure incurred for the purchasing of new server hardware.

The eligibility of these exemptions should be reassessed in the event of a request under the Act for this information as the level of sensitivity will change over time and different circumstances may alter the arguments in favour of non-disclosure.

The recommended period for non-publication of Part 2 is to be agreed, after successful procurement and tender award, which is expected to be 30 June 2023.

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

Name:

Date:

Once this form is fully authorised, it should be circulated with Part 1.

Confidential decision and/or advice:

Part one of this report sets out the background for the request to the Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience to authorise the LFC to commit capital expenditure of £762,000 for the procurement of replacement server hardware to be installed in Merton (London Operations Centre) and the Stratford data centre.

The cost of the replacement server hardware is expected to be no more than £762,000, which is included in the approved capital plan.

Finance comments

The cost of the replacement server hardware is included in the LFC-approved capital programme under the ICT project – VM Server Environment Hosts. The budgeted £762,000 is split over three consecutive financial years from 2023-24 to 2025-26.

The capital programme is funded through capital receipts and borrowing. The cost of borrowing is made up of Minimum Revenue Provision and is based on the five-year asset life, which will be £152,400 per year, and interest on borrowing assuming a rate of 3 per cent at £22,860 per year. The cost of borrowing to fund the capital programme is reflected in the revenue budget.