

## PART TWO

### Confidential facts and advice

# Procurement of Physical Network Connections

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 Governance Team for advice.

This information is not for publication because:

The report contains commercially sensitive information that should not be released ahead of the completion of the procurement of the replacement physical network connections, including wide area network (WAN) and metropolitan area network (MAN).

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

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 LFC would be likely to have a detrimental effect on the LFC's position and related commercial interest regarding the expenditure incurred for the purposes of this report and its ability to undertake a procurement exercise.

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 plans to procure replacement physical network connections, including wide area network (WAN) and metropolitan area network (MAN) and the Commissioner's financial position in relation to those procurements.

The exempt information would disclose the Commissioner's financial position in relation to the proposed procurement to potential bidders and would prejudice the operation of competitive tendering exercise for the new contract.

The recommended period for non-publication of Part 2 is 31/12/2025.

#### Legal Adviser

I make the above recommendations that this information should be considered confidential at this time.

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## Confidential decision and/or advice

The BT contract to provide wide area network (WAN) and metropolitan area network (MAN) services will come to an end in June 2025. The cost of a replacement service is estimated to cost no more than £10,774,500 over five years (or £ 2,154,900 PA).

### Recommended decision

#### **For the Deputy Mayor**

That the Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and the Fire Service authorises the London Fire Commissioner to commit revenue expenditure of up to £10,774,500 over five years for the procurement of physical network connections.

This LFC decision will only be taken after further consultation with the Greater London Authority's finance and legal advisers and the Mayoral Delivery Board.

#### **For the London Fire Commissioner**

The London Fire Commissioner delegates authority to the Assistant Director Procurement and Commercial to enter into contract(s) for the procurement of a replacement wide and metropolitan area network.

## Financial comments

This paper is looking for authorization to procure both WAN and MAN services and enter into a new contract with a supplier. The proposed new contract will be for 5 years. The cost of a replacement service is estimated to cost no more than £10,774,500 over five years (or £ 2,154,900 PA).

The cost of the contract will be covered from existing budgets within the ICT department.

## Confidential appendices and supporting papers

There are none