

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Peter Oakford, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services

DECISION NO:

23/00106

For publication**Key decision: YES**

The decision will result in savings or expenditure which is significant having regard to the budget for the service or function (currently defined by the Council as in excess of £1,000,000).

Subject Matter / Title of Decision

Oracle Enterprise Business Capabilities (EBC) System – Hosting and Support

Decision:

As the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services, I agree to:

1. award a contract and the permitted contract term extensions to Rimini Street for the support of the Council's Oracle E-Business Suite (April 2024 to April 2026 with the potential for extensions to 2027);
2. delegate authority to the Director of Technology, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Corporate and Traded Services, to activate the permitted contract term extensions; and
3. delegate authority to the Director of Technology to take other relevant actions, including but not limited to entering in contracts and other legal agreements, as required to implement this decision.

Reason(s) for decision:

The Council's current support from Rimini Street for the Oracle E-Business Suite (EBS) expires on 5 April 2024. E-Business Suite is used for critical business processes in finance, human resources and procurement, including payroll and accounts payable and is necessary in order to provide continuing support for Oracle whilst the Enterprise Business Capabilities project implementation is underway.

The term of the contract will be April 2024 to April 2026 with the option to extend for up to one further year. The value of the contract is £1,241,536 with the option to extend priced at £702,846 (£1,944,382 in total).

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

No public consultation has been undertaken.

The matter was considered at a meeting of the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee on 22 November 2023, where the proposed decision was endorsed.

Any alternatives considered and rejected:


Option 1 - Oracle – Oracle have stopped supporting the version of our EBC system, so we could not pursue this option.

Option 2 - Move to another supplier – Rimini Street is the market leader in supporting legacy Oracle systems, however in recent years other suppliers have come into the market. This option would have

required using expert resource currently dedicated to the replacement EBC project and the move to a new supplier would have increased the risk to business continuity.

Option 3 - Extend current contract - Given the practical and financial considerations as well as timing, awarding a new contract to Rimini Street provides business continuity and allows time for the EBC project to be implemented.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer: None

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Oakford', written over a horizontal line.

signed

6 March 2024

date