

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Policy and Resources
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Title:	Software Licence Renewals
Reference:	6124
Report From:	Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. Two software contracts, one with IBM and the other with Microsoft, are due for renewal in the coming months.
- 1.2. These renewal costs are contained within existing IT budgets but the level of spend requires Executive Member approval.
- 1.3. This paper seeks approval for the renewal of these software licence agreements with Microsoft and IBM.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1. Hampshire IT uses a range of non-proprietary software but some services depend on priority solutions from organisations such as IBM and Microsoft:
 - IBM products support our document management system (Hantsfile) and our data storage service.
 - Microsoft products support a range of services used by the County Council departments, partner organisations and schools, maintained in a number of different licence agreements.
- 2.2. The existing contract with IBM ends in October 2014. IBM recently commissioned KPMG to conduct an audit of our IBM licence holdings and the results of this audit are currently being reviewed by all parties. This will affect the final new total due.
- 2.3. The Microsoft Enterprise agreement ends in December 2014. An additional contract for schools (with discounted education pricing) is included in the estimated total Microsoft spend.

3. Finance

3.1. Budget provision has been made for both contracts in IT financial plans and the Capital Programme.

Contract	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Total
Microsoft	£1.93M	£1.54M	£1.75M	£5.22M
IBM	£0.96M	£0.96M	£0.96M	£2.88M

Note: These are predicted spend profiles which may vary owing to expansion or shrinkage of number of registered users and/or the supporting server estate.

4. Performance

4.1. There is a long history of using software from both organisations successfully.

5. Consultation and Equalities

5.1. No consultation undertaken.

5.2. No equality impacts identified

6. Future direction

6.1. The effectiveness of all IT software deployed by the Council is reviewed regularly. Both Microsoft and IBM are both still offering 'enterprise class', leading software for delivery of stable computing platforms for the next three years.

7. Recommendation

7.1. That approval is given for the renewal of licence agreements with IBM and Microsoft via existing procurement frameworks.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	no
Maximising well-being:	no
Enhancing our quality of place:	no
OR	
This proposal does not link to the Corporate Strategy but, nevertheless, requires a decision because:	
Whilst this proposal does not link directly to the Corporate Strategy, the software packages underpin all of the IT services, which are used by front-line staff, implementing the Corporate Strategy.	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;

Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;

Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?
- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?