

Provision of network services – Award of contract approved.

5 With reference to the minutes of the City Administration Committee of 28th September 2023 (Print 4, page 54) approving the preferred option of the implementation of a multi-source model with an in-house service integration and management (SIAM) function, referred to as the Road to Multi-Source Strategy (R2MS), that would see all of the Council's ICT service towers being re-procured on a phased basis by 2028, there was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding tenders received for the provision of network services, advising

- (1) of the key elements of network services which was the first re-procurement;
- (2) that a mini competition had been facilitated through the Public Contracts Scotland Tenders portal and that all 18 suppliers on lots 1a, 2a, 4b and 4c of the Crown Commercial Services' Network Services 3 framework were invited to bid, 1 submitted a bid and, following an evaluation, it was recommended the contract be awarded to Commsworld Limited;
- (3) that the contract would be utilised Council wide; and
- (4) that the contract start date would be 1st June 2024 with an initial term of the contract for services for a period of 5 years, from 1st April 2025, with the option to extend for a further 5 years.

After consideration the committee approved the award of the contract for the provision of network services to Commsworld Limited, at an estimated award value of £36,530,744.