

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 20 August 2013

Decision No: (CAB 13/14 10943)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Leader of the Council
SUBJECT:	*Award of a Wireless Network Services Concession
AUTHOR:	Rob Harwood

THE DECISION

- (i) To award a Wireless “limited period free to user” services concession within the City of Southampton to Arqiva for an initial 5 year period; and
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Head of Contract Management to determine whether the contract should be extended up to a further period of 5 years.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

A publicly accessible wireless network in the city that is free to use for a limited period will provide economic and social benefits to residents of, and visitors to Southampton. The evaluation panel agreed that Arqiva’s tender, the only tender submitted for the wireless services concession, meets the requirements outlined in the specification and will help meet council priorities and generate revenue.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

To not recommend Arqiva be awarded a Wireless “limited period free to user” services concession. This was rejected because Arqiva’s proposal meets the requirements set out in the specification and the proposal will help Southampton become a first class Wi-Fi and next generation enabled Wireless Network city which will help to promote social inclusion and economic development. Rejection of the proposal would also result in the loss of a new income opportunity for the Council.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 20 August 2013

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*