

PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION RECORD

<p>Portfolio Holder: Councillor Boden, Leader & Portfolio Holder for Finance</p>	<p>Service: Finance</p>
<p>CMT Officer: Peter Catchpole, Corporate Director and Chief Finance Officer</p> <p>Lead Officer: Sian Warren, Deputy Chief Accountant</p>	<p>Delegated Power Being Exercised:</p> <p>Part 3, Table 5, paragraph 8 of Fenland District Council's Constitution provides all portfolio holders with delegated authority to approve any action within their functional area up to a value of £250,000.</p> <p>Councillor Boden is the portfolio holder for Finance in respect of which this decision relates.</p>
<p>Subject of Decision: To approve the transition to an upgraded cloud-based version of Unit4 Agresso for a 3-year term</p>	

<p>Decision Taken: To approve the transition to an upgraded cloud-based version of Unit4 Agresso, the Council's financial management system for a three-year term.</p>
<p>Reason for the Decision: Ensures a stable finance system for the Council, partner organisations and key applications to enable delivery of services to residents and complete its transformation programme.</p>
<p>Alternative Options Considered (if appropriate): Go out to full tender or do nothing, leading to an unsupported financial management system.</p>
<p>Background/Reports/Information considered and attached:</p> <p>Unit4 have approached all their server-based clients, informing them that support for this application software will be withdrawn after 31st March 2025. Clients are required to agree to transfer to a cloud-based version of the software (version 7.14).</p> <p>A CMT report details the issues and implications to the Council if they do not use the use of PCR Regulations 72 (1) (b) (i) & (ii) and PCR Regulations 72 (1) (c) (i) (ii) & (iii) Modifications of contracts during the term to secure a contract with Unit4.</p> <p>It is expected that this contract will start by 1st April 2026 for a period of three years with a value of £240,000 with the budget recognised within the Revenue Forward Plan.</p> <p>Officers are recommending the use of PCR Regulations 72 (1) (b) (i) & (ii) and PCR Regulations 72 (1) (c) (i) (ii) & (iii) Modifications of contracts during the term to secure a contract with Unit4. These Regulations allow for additional services where a change of contractor cannot be made for economic and/or technical reasons for reasons of interchangeability and/or interoperability with existing services.</p>

Portfolio Holder's Signature: Councillor C Boden, Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance	Date: 20 January 2025
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