

Appendix 3 - 3.10 Memo's (Exemption Urgency)

Function	Cluster	Description of Contract	Estimated Start date of Contract	Estimated End date of Contract	Total Estimated Contract Value £	Summary of explanation of why the contract was urgently required and justification for suspension of procurement regulations, in whole or in part:
Customer	Digital and Technology	Datacentre Hosting services provided by Brightsolid	01/12/2022	31/10/2023	£900,000.00	<p>Due to priorities relating to other digital projects this contract had not been formally renewed prior to its expiry in December 2022 as it was hoped that the move to Azure would have progressed further than it has. The contract has continued to roll on by the supplier and we are requesting approval to suspend the Procurement Regulations as there is an ongoing requirement for data centre hosting in its current level, until we have concluded the migration programme, likely now – October 2023.</p> <p>We sought approval from committee to extend the current contract for a further year until December 22 as part of our transformation aspiration timescales as we have been over the last few years embracing a technically complicated transitional modernisation journey to the cloud in conjunction with Microsoft. We have, as part of the capital investment programme embraced a further transition exercise of our virtual server farm to our Microsoft Azure tenancy that has just initiated and is progressing, but until this exercise is concluded we will not be in a position to articulate and understand our on premise remaining datacentre requirements at this time.</p> <p>We are requesting approval to extend the arrangement through a compliant Direct Award via Scottish Government Cloud Services Framework SP-18-027 for a period of 11 months until 31st Oct 2023 to continue to provide datacentre capability for the remaining on-premise systems that have not been migrated to the cloud.</p> <p>A business case is being developed to reflect the requirements following the outcome of the migration programme and a new call-off</p>