

RESOURCES PORTFOLIO

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Resources Portfolio Cabinet Member, Councillor Hugh Mason, at his decision meeting held on Friday 12 June 2009 at 9.15 am in the Guildhall, Portsmouth.

Councillor David Horne (Opposition Spokesperson, Labour Group) and Officers were welcomed to the meeting by Councillor Mason. Councillor Mason explained that he wanted to change the order of items as they appeared on the Agenda.

Councillor Mason went on to explain that the reason why the publication of papers for this meeting were late was not of PCC's making. PCC had been in the process of going through due diligence procedures with Heads of Service and with Microsoft. It recently came to light that from Tuesday 16 June the cost of providing a new kind of corporate Microsoft agreement that was currently being considered by the City Council will increase substantially as from Tuesday 16 June. Councillor Mason explained that the options available to him as Portfolio Holder for Resources were:

- (1) To continue to consider the option through the due diligence process but that this would not be completed by 16 June which would mean that the cost to the city council would increase dramatically.
- (2) To rush a decision through the Cabinet meeting but in that event papers would have had to be tabled on the day without Cabinet Members having the opportunity to read them before the meeting.
- (3) To ask the Chief Executive to take a decision under Standing Order No 60 but Councillor Mason felt that this was unacceptable as there would be no opportunity for Members of the Opposition Group to make any comments.
- (4) To hold an emergency Resources meeting without being able to provide the full five formal days' notice.

In the circumstances, Councillor Mason felt that option (4) was the best one to take.

11 Declaration of Members' Interests (AI 1)

There were no declarations of interest.

12 Microsoft Enterprise Agreement (EA) (AI 2)

(TAKE IN REPORT)

Andrew Mills, Assistant Head of ICT Services, outlined the contents of the report. He stressed that all the prices will rise significantly from 16 June 2009 and if PCC buys now it will make an estimated saving of £430K over a five year period.

Mr Mark Austin was then invited to make his deputation.

There followed a discussion during which Mr Mills answered questions on the detail of the report confirming that this has gone through the Gateway procurement process. He confirmed that this is the first time that an Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft has represented a cost saving to PCC. He also confirmed that all Heads of Service had been contacted and were in agreement with proceeding with the Enterprise Agreement.

DECISION:

At his special decision meeting, the Cabinet Member for Resources

- (1) gave authority for PCC to enter into an agreement with Microsoft;**
- (2) approved the costs and funding sources as laid out in the financial appraisal;**
- (3) gave authority to adjust various departments cash limits in 2009/10 and subsequent years in order to centralise the software licence fee budget and realise any overall budget saving that may arise, be delegated to the Strategic Director and the Section 151 Officer; and**
- (4) gave authority to the City Solicitor to complete the required legal documentation associated with the agreement.**

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Councillor Hugh Mason
Cabinet Member for Resources

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