

# RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION ROED



## Decision taken by individual Officer

**DECISION MAKER** *Peter Vickers – Executive Head of Finance and Section 151 Officer*

### DECISION AND THE REASON(S) FOR IT

#### To award a contract for the procurement of servers

For the supply of servers that will be used as hosts in our data centre that store applications, data and services.

Direct award via the HealthTrust Europe public sector framework to Insight. Public - HealthTrust Europe

- Ensures a compliant route to market under UK procurement regulations.
- Insight is a trusted and established partner with a strong track record supplying server infrastructure to RBC.
- This approach provides value for money through framework pricing, reduces risk, and avoids delays linked to a full tender.
- Direct award enables timely delivery, ensuring the VMware project progresses without disruption

Replaces ageing infrastructure and improves performance across the whole server estate (140 servers delivering services such as Iworld, Uniform, Elections, Integra etc).

- Supports delivery of the VMware modernisation project, enabling more reliable and resilient IT services.
- Ensures compliance with current supported operating systems and security standards.
- Builds on existing partnership with Insight for efficient, risk-free procurement.

#### Risks:

- Delay in Procurement – would risk extended downtime, ongoing reliance on unsupported infrastructure, and potential non-compliance. Mitigation: direct award to trusted partner Insight through the HealthTrust Europe framework ensures swift procurement.
- Operational Impact – current servers are at risk of hardware failure and cannot reliably support the VMware upgrade. Mitigation: early replacement ensures resilience and continuity.
- Cyber Security / Compliance – reliance on Windows Server 2012 R2 beyond extended support poses an unacceptable risk and ongoing cost of £2k per month. Mitigation: timely migration to supported platforms on new hardware.

**DATE DECISION TAKEN** 27/10/25

### ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Delay in Procurement – would risk extended downtime, ongoing reliance on unsupported infrastructure, and potential non-compliance.

### ANY CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

*(Conflict of interests of any executive member who is consulted by the officer which relates to the decision. A note of dispensation should be attached).*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Peter Vickers