

SALISBURY DISTRICT COUNCIL

SPECIAL DELEGATION PROCEDURE

COMMITTEE CONCERNED: Cabinet

FROM: Fiona Eden SERVICE UNIT: Democratic Services

DATE: 30/01/08

SDC have been under contract with Vodafone for the supply and service of the Fixed Telephone Lines within each of the Council's locations however this contract has now expired.

The annual cost of this contract with Vodafone is approximately £49,000 and so under SDC policy the contract would be up for tender. The desired outcome of this request is that SDC can proceed with a new contract with Vodafone, which will take the Council up until Vesting Day. The situation that SDC wishes to avoid is to re-tender the contract as this will only serve as detrimental due to the timescales involved in running the tender process.

With the revised tariffs proposed by Vodafone for a new contract, SDC could save around £4,300 in one year. The proposed prices were benchmarked against four other Telecoms suppliers.

The level of service provided by an alternative supplier for other specialist service lines is unsatisfactory and basic tasks requested by SDC's telecoms administrator become extremely time-consuming. The service provision from Vodafone has been highly rated by SDC's Telecoms Administrator.

(Please tick relevant box)

IMPLICATIONS	OFFICER	COMMENTS (incl)	NONE	NOT APPLICABLE
Legal	J Crawford		x	
Financial	Alan Osborne	Within existing budgets, efficiency saving of £4k.		
Procurement Manager				
Personnel				
Environmental				

Co-ordinated with _____ Officer (s) _____ Unit (s) _____

APPROVED:

Leader: Portfolio Holder:

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