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231218/864	Procurement and award of the Multi-Functional Devices (MFD) and Print Contract	Director of Smart Cities & Enabling Services	Yes	Between 22 May and 30 June 2024  Note: - This decision has previously been published on 18 December 2023 with a decision period of 31 January to 16 February 2024.	N/A	N/A	Report of the Director of Smart Cities and Enabling Services	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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**Who will decide:** Director of Smart Cities & Enabling Services

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23 April 2024

# **PROPOSED RENEWAL OF THE MULTI-FUNCTIONAL DEVICES (MFD) AND PRINT SERVICES CONTRACT**

**23 April 2024**

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SMART CITIES & ENABLING SERVICES**

### **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To seek approval for the proposed procurement and award of the Multi-Functional Devices (MFD) and Print Services contract.

### **2. Background and Proposal**

- 2.1 In 2019, the Council awarded a contract to Konica Minolta Business Solutions (UK) Limited to lease MFDs, which includes all Toners, Staples, Parts, Labour, Servicing and Callouts. This contract was awarded via a direct call-off process undertaken from the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) Multifunctional Devices, Managed Print and Content Services and Records and Information Management Framework (RM3871).
- 2.2 The MFD contract is used across the entire Council estate, including The Port of Sunderland, Sunderland Care and Support (SCAS) and Together for Children (TfC).
- 2.3 Due to the pandemic and the move to City Hall, the Council has reduced the number of MFD's across the estate. It is anticipated that further MFD reductions will be identified.
- 2.4 The current contract was for a period of 5 years, which is now due to expire on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- 2.5 It is intended that the forthcoming procurement process will be undertaken utilising the CCS Multifunctional Devices (MFDs), Print and Digital Workflow Software Services and Managed Print Service Provision Framework (RM6174), which allows the Council to undertake a further competition process to award a new contract, in compliance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015.
- 2.6 It is intended the procurement process will be completed and the contract awarded in January 2024. It is anticipated the total contract value over the five year-period may exceed £500,000.
- 2.7 The cost of the contract will be funded through the revenue budget within the ICT service. Any devices, and associated print costs, located at The Port of Sunderland, SCAS and TfC are paid by the respective business areas.

**3. Reasons for the Decision**

As the current contract is due to expire and the above contract underpins the day-to-day functions across the Council, a new contract for the lease of MFDs and Printing Services is required.

**4. Alternative Decisions**

The alternative option not to proceed with the renewal of the MFD contract has been considered. However, this option is not recommended as this is a corporate contract, which underpins the day-to-day-functions across the Council.

**5. Recommendation**

It is therefore recommended that the Director of Smart Cities & Enabling Services approves the award of a new MFD contract via the proposed further competition process.