

## Record of Officer's Decision

### The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

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| <b>Date of Decision:</b>                                                                                          | 03 August 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Decision Maker (Officer):</b>                                                                                  | Gary Guiver                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Authority for Delegated Decision (Cabinet/Committee Decision or Scheme of Delegation – provide reference):</b> | <p>Part 3, Schedule 3 – Delegation of Executive Functions delegated to Officers paragraph 4.4 (1) With the exception of the matters which the Leader of the Council has determined are to be discharged by the Cabinet or individual Portfolio Holders, as detailed in the Cabinet Scheme of Delegation, the Chief Executive and the Corporate Directors have delegated authority to discharge all executive functions within their respective service areas as set out in Article 12, having authority to act on all such matters. The Chief Executive shall determine from time to time what the service responsibilities of the Deputy Chief Executive and each Corporate Director and Head of Service shall be.</p> <p>(2). The delegation of powers to officers is underpinned by the principle and culture of consultation and liaison with Members, as appropriate and the ability for officers to refer matters to the relevant decision maker i.e. individual Portfolio Holder or a meeting of the full Cabinet, where it is felt that this is appropriate due to the nature of an issue</p> |
| <b>Identify which Portfolio Holder(s)/Committee Chairman consulted?</b>                                           | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Ward Member(s) consulted?</b>                                                                                  | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Is it a Key Decision?</b>                                                                                      | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Is it subject to call-in?</b>                                                                                  | No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Decision Made:</b>                                                                                             | Officer decision to procure the JDi Solutions OpusConsult software directly (direct award) through the Crown Commercial Service G-Cloud 14 Framework (Lot 2) for an initial period of two years, with an option to extend for a further two years (1 + 1 years).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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|                                                                                                       | <p>The Council is currently progressing the review of its Local Plan and is expected to carry out the final stage of public consultation during Autumn 2026. The Council also conducts public consultation exercises on other Planning Policy documents and therefore requires a robust and reliable online consultation platform to receive, manage and analyse representations from residents, statutory consultees and other stakeholders.</p> <p>The Council has used the JDi Solutions OpusConsult system since 2023. The system has operated effectively over the past three years and continues to meet the Council's operational requirements. Retention of the platform will support the efficient delivery of statutory planning consultations and provide a stable solution throughout the transition to Local Government Reorganisation.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to support the Decision, refer to or attach it):</b> | <p>The following benefits will be realised:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Continuity - The existing system fulfils all requirements of the Planning Policy consultation process. As the Council is at a critical stage of the Local Plan Review, changing systems at this time would be disruptive, requiring officer training, system familiarisation and the migration of existing consultation data.</li> <li>2) Compliance with data security and accessibility standards. JDi Solutions complies with relevant cyber security, data protection and accessibility standards. An initial Data Protection Risk Assessment was completed when the system was first procured, and the system was considered low risk. The software incorporates a number of GDPR safeguards which help minimise the risk of human error when processing personal data.</li> <li>3) Value for Money. The costs quoted by JDi Solutions are lower than those of other comparable systems available through the G-Cloud 14 Framework and avoid the additional implementation, training and migration costs associated with changing supplier.</li> <li>4) Customer Service. Council officers have worked directly with JDi Solutions since 2023 and have found the company's support service to be responsive, reliable and flexible in meeting operational requirements.</li> <li>5) Compliant procurement route. The proposed direct award is being undertaken through the Crown Commercial Services G-Cloud 14 Framework in accordance with the Council's procurement rules of procedure.</li> <li>6) Existing budget provision. The contract can be funded from existing Planning budgets and does not require additional financial provision.</li> </ol> |

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| <p><b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b></p>               | <p>The procurement is being undertaken through the UK Government Crown Commercial Services G-Cloud 14 Framework (Lot 2) and is compliant with the Council's Procurement Procedure Rules.</p> <p>There are limited risks associated with the proposed decision. Retaining the existing system reduces operational risk by avoiding the need to migrate data and implement a new consultation platform during a critical stage of the Local Plan Review. The system is well established within the Planning Policy service and officers are familiar with its operation.</p> <p>The contract costs can be met from existing Planning Policy budgets and no additional financial provision is required.</p> <p>JDi Solutions complies with relevant data protection, cyber security and accessibility requirements. An initial Data Protection Risk Assessment identified the system as low risk, and the software includes measures to support GDPR compliance.</p> <p>The platform supports public engagement and is designed to meet recognised accessibility standards, helping to ensure that consultation processes remain accessible to all users and that there are no adverse equality implications arising from this decision.</p> |
| <p><b>NEW : Details of Local Government Reorganisation and/or Devolution considerations</b></p>   | <p>In light of the Local Government Reorganisation programme and the proposed timetable, a direct award through the G-Cloud 14 Framework is considered the most appropriate option to ensure continuity of service during the transition period. Retaining the existing system will avoid the disruption and resource implications associated with implementing an alternative platform at this stage and will provide a stable solution until future arrangements for planning consultation systems are determined as part of Local Government Reorganisation.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p><b>Details of any Alternative Options Considered and rejected (together with reasons):</b></p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Procure an alternative system.<br/>Alternative consultation platforms available through the G-Cloud 14 Framework were reviewed. However, the comparable systems identified were more expensive than the JDi Solutions OpusConsult system and would require officer training, system implementation and data migration. Introducing a new platform at this stage of the Local Plan Review would create unnecessary disruption and additional resource requirements.</li> <li>2) Do nothing.<br/>This option was rejected as the Council requires an online consultation platform to support statutory planning consultations, including the final stage of consultation on the Local Plan Review and other</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Planning Policy documents. Failure to procure a replacement licence would result in the loss of access to the existing system and would adversely affect the Council's ability to effectively receive, manage and analyse consultation responses.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |   |                                                        |                                                                            |  |                          |                                                                      |                          |                                                                                                                                     |                          |                                                                            |                          |                                                                                                  |                          |                                                                                                                         |                          |                                                                                                                            |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                          |                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| <b>Details of any declarations of interest (by Portfolio Holder/Committee Chairman who was consulted by the officer, which related to the decision)</b><br><br><b>If relevant, a note of the dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer:</b>                                                                              | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |   |                                                        |                                                                            |  |                          |                                                                      |                          |                                                                                                                                     |                          |                                                                            |                          |                                                                                                  |                          |                                                                                                                         |                          |                                                                                                                            |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                          |                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| <b>Reason Decision, or supporting Report, is not published:</b><br><br><i>Tick one or more of the specific exemptions,</i><br><br><u><b>and</b></u><br><br><i>Give more information in the final box with regards to why the exemption applies and outweighs the public interest test (which is in favour of disclosure).</i> | <table border="1"> <tr> <td>√</td><td>Not applicable – Decision [and report] to be published</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>If Report is not to be published – tick one of the following boxes:</b></td></tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>The report supporting the Decision contains confidential information</td></tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td>The Report supporting the Decision falls within an exemption pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Information:</td></tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relates to an individual</li> </ul> </td></tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Likely to reveal the identity of an individual</li> </ul> </td></tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relating to financial or business affairs of a person or organisation</li> </ul> </td></tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relates to a claim for legal professional privilege in legal proceedings</li> </ul> </td></tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reveals that the Council proposes to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or to make an order or direction under any enactment</li> </ul> </td></tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime</li> </ul> </td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> <u>And</u> is exempt if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information<br/><br/> Reasons: </td></tr> </table> | √ | Not applicable – Decision [and report] to be published | <b>If Report is not to be published – tick one of the following boxes:</b> |  | <input type="checkbox"/> | The report supporting the Decision contains confidential information | <input type="checkbox"/> | The Report supporting the Decision falls within an exemption pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Information: | <input type="checkbox"/> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relates to an individual</li> </ul> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Likely to reveal the identity of an individual</li> </ul> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relating to financial or business affairs of a person or organisation</li> </ul> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relates to a claim for legal professional privilege in legal proceedings</li> </ul> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reveals that the Council proposes to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or to make an order or direction under any enactment</li> </ul> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime</li> </ul> | <u>And</u> is exempt if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information<br><br>Reasons: |  |
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