

South Ayrshire Council

**Report by Head of Finance and ICT
to Leadership Panel
of 4 November 2014**

**Subject: Internet Access Control and Monitoring Software –
Extension of Contract**

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To submit for consideration by the Leadership Panel and request approval for a further three year contract with the Council's existing supplier of the Council's Internet access control and monitoring software (Websense) with Foursys in terms of section 23.2 of Standing Orders Relating to Contracts.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Leadership Panel, under the provisions of paragraph 23.2 of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts, grants approval to the Executive Director - Resources, Governance and Organisation to extend the enterprise agreement with Foursys for a further three years.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Council has had in place a three year agreement with Foursys for the provision of a software services and associated licensing which enable the Council to control access to the Internet appropriately, maintain security logs and enable monitoring of activity in accordance with the Council's Acceptable Use Policy.
- 3.2 The current three year contract is close to expiry and the Council faces the choice of sourcing an alternative product via a competitive tender exercise or renewing its contract using a new version of the existing software with the existing supplier.
- 3.3 The Council has previously invested in training staff in the support, administration and reporting from this system.
- 3.4 The introduction of a different software product will have additional resource consequences in respect of re- training, set up and implementation and potential additional hardware costs for the same functionality.
- 3.5 The existing Websense software is to be enhanced by new features in the new product but does not require additional training, software changeover management is included within the contract renewal proposal.

4. Proposals

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5. Resource Implications

5.1 **Financial**



5.2 **Legal**

There are no legal implications immediately arising from this report.

5.3 **Human Resources**

There are no human resource implications immediately arising from this report.

6. **Risk**

- 6.1 This software enables the Council to control access to Internet sites in accordance with the Councils Internet Rules Acceptable Use Policy whilst monitoring and logging user activity from educational settings and corporately. If this software was not in place the policy could not be enforced, staff and pupils may be exposed to inappropriate Internet content.

7. **Equalities**

- 7.1 This report is not proposing new services, policies, strategies, or plans (or significant changes to or reviews of them). It does not propose decisions about budgets, including budget cuts or service reductions. This report therefore has not been assessed for equalities impacts.

8. **Sustainable Development Implications**

- 8.1 This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme or strategy or document otherwise described which could be considered to constitute a plan, programme, policy or strategy.

9. **Options Appraisal**

- 9.1 An options appraisal has not been carried out in relation to the subject matter of this report.

10. **Link to Council Plan**

- 10.1 The proposals contained in this report link to the Council Plan strategic objective: 'Improve the way that we work as a Council'.

11. **Results of Consultation**

- (1) There has been no public consultation on the contents of this paper.
- (2) Consultation has taken place with Councillor Robin Reid, Portfolio Holder for Resources and Performance.

Background Papers

Standing Orders Relating to Contracts

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