

# **Report to Stronger Council Select Committee**

**Date of meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022**

**Portfolio: ICT (Cllr Sam Kane)**

**Subject: Azure – Move to the Cloud Business Case**

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## **Recommendations/Decisions Required:**

**To consider awarding a Contract to Agilisys for the procurement and provision of Azure – Move to the Cloud.**

## **Report:**

1. Azure - Move to the Cloud – Business Case
2. Select Committee Report – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## **Reason for decision:**

Select Committee (Stronger Council) is asked to consider EFDC's move forward as set out within the Business Case for moving to Azure. EFDC have worked for more than 12 months on the Azure option and have worked closely with Microsoft and Agilisys to complete a detailed costing analysis and to spec out the project in detail.

Due to the value of the project a signed Portfolio Holder report must be in place and approved prior to moving forwards with any procurement activity. The Council's Procurement Rules require a Portfolio Holder decision to award any contract with a total value over £250,001 and below £1m which is totalled over the life of the contract. In addition, and in accordance with the Council's Procurement Rules the Contract should be executed under Seal.

A detailed Business Case has been completed, reviewed and agreed through internal governance. In addition, a paper was previously agreed through Select Committee on April 13th 2021 which evaluated different options and laid out the case for moving to Azure.

## **Options considered and rejected:**

The procurement of Google Cloud Platform has been considered which notes similar hosting costs but substantial additional support costs. Private cloud and a range of other options have also been considered. Due to the councils strong Microsoft footprint, Azure is put forward as the preferred option.

**Consultation undertaken: N/A**

**Resource implications: N/A**

**Legal and Governance Implications: N/A**

**Safer, Cleaner, Greener Implications: N/A**

**Consultation Undertaken: N/A**

**Background Papers:**

Please see below for a copy of the Azure Business Case as well as a copy of the report that was submitted to Select Committee on the 13th April 2021.



EFDC - Move to the  
Cloud Business Case -



Select Committee  
Report 130421

**Impact Assessments: N/A**

**Risk Management: N/A**

**Equality: N/A**

The Equality Act 2010 requires that the Public Sector Equality Duty is actively applied in decision making. Select Committee (Stronger Council) is not a decision-making committee and therefore the requirement for an EqIA is not applicable.