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Officer Decision Record Template

Record of Decision of the Head of Service for Economic Regeneration

Subject

The Digital Media Centre (DMC) provides office space for small businesses aligned to the digital sector. The DMC is currently operating at 97% occupancy and it has been identified there is a need for expansion space located within the Barnsley Courthouse Site footprint. The provision of additional space will enable some of the more established DMC clients to move into larger office space suited to their expansion need whilst still retaining access to the wider support network that is provided by the DMC.

The former Core building situated off County Way, Barnsley has been purchased by the Council, from Voluntary Action Barnsley (VAB) for use as grow-on space for start-ups and established local businesses, aimed at the digital sector. The provision of additional office space will free up capacity within the DMC facilitating new digital and creative business starts to be supported. This will directly contribute to the Councils key priority of supporting high value business starts. The provision of a secondary operational base for the DMC will also provide greater flexibility in terms of additional space for the delivery of digital programmes and initiatives, underpinning the wider aspiration of establishing a digital campus within Barnsley.

With this the Council is looking to engage with an incumbent supplier to install fibre cabling to provide a high-speed data connection to support an IT network and telephony system into a second Digital Media Centre (DMC2) building.

Authority
Paul Clifford – Head of Service: Economic Regeneration

Decision Taken

The project budget for installing fibre cabling to provide connectivity between the DMC and DMC2 buildings to support tenants and Council staff is set at under £10,000. A decision is required to engage with an incumbent supplier to install fibre cabling, terminate and test connection in the Town Hall, DMC and DMC2 buildings.

Date of Decision
22-01-2020

Elected Member Conflicts of Interest
None.

(Insert Officer name)
Paul Clifford

(Insert more Officer names as required)

Signature
Cabinet Spokesperson
(if required)

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