

Date: 21 June 2023

Item: **Capita Access and Wide Area Network Contract: Three Year Extension**

This paper will be considered in public

1 Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to seek authority for the proposed three-year extension of the Capita Access and Wide Area Network (WAN) Contract, to 9 August 2026.
- 1.2 A paper is included on Part 2 of the agenda, which contains exempt supplemental information. The information is exempt by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 in that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of TfL and tenderers. Any discussion of that exempt information must take place after the press and public have been excluded from this meeting.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 **The Committee is asked to note the paper and the exempt supplementary information on Part 2 of the agenda and grant Procurement Authority at the sum set out in the related paper on Part 2 of the agenda for the three-year extension of the Capita Access and Wide Area Network Contract as described in this paper and the related paper on Part 2 of the agenda.**

3 Background

- 3.1 In May 2016, TfL's Executive Committee approved our first Telecommunications and Data Network Strategy. This strategy sets out our high-level approach to rationalising and consolidating our data networks in order to realise the following benefits:
- (a) reduce the cost of network services by: (i) removing unnecessary network complexity and duplication; and (ii) maximising TfL's buying power through the consolidation of network service contracts;
 - (b) reduce the time to market for new and changed services through the use of standardised network services; and
 - (c) present new opportunities to generate revenues through the exploitation of TfL's data network infrastructure and rights of way across London.

- 3.2 The Telecommunications and Data Network Strategy describes several portfolios of data network services used by TfL. Our approach to the first of these portfolios - commodity outsourced networks – is to consolidate TfL’s multiple commodity outsourced network service contracts onto a single, pan-TfL network service contract.
- 3.3 In December 2017, the Committee granted Procurement Authority to enter into a contract (the Access & WAN Contract) with Capita Business Services Limited.
- 3.4 The Access & WAN Contract is the vehicle through which we are consolidating and rationalising our portfolio of commodity outsourced network services. The Access & WAN Contract has an initial five-and-a-half-year term (Initial Term) which runs until 9 August 2023.
- 3.5 The Access & WAN Contract includes options for TfL to extend its duration beyond the Initial Term for up to five further years.
- 3.6 For the reasons set out in the paper included on Part 2 of the agenda, TfL’s current proposal is to initially extend the term of the Capita Access & WAN Contract for a further three years until 9 August 2026.

List of appendices to this report:

A paper containing exempt supplementary information is included on Part 2 of the agenda.

List of background papers:

Capita Access and Wide Area Network Contract: Procurement Authority Uplift, Finance Committee, 10 March 2021

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