

Report ITR-CS-06-16

To: Kevin Eccles, Chair and Members of the Corporate Services Committee
From: Tim Scott, Technology & Infrastructure Manager
Meeting Date: September 13, 2016
Subject: Security Software Renewal
Status: Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution CS66-16; Endorsed by County Council October 4, 2016 per Resolution CC125-16;

Recommendation(s)

WHEREAS the current four year pre-paid security software subscription (anti-virus, anti-malware, data protection) is expiring in October 2016;

AND WHEREAS there are savings in procuring an all in one software security solution and prepaying for three years in advance;

AND WHEREAS the IT-General reserve has been funded over time for the renewal of our anti-virus and web filtering software.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Report ITR-CS-06-16 regarding the procurement of Security software be received;

AND THAT Security Software be procured for a three year pre-paid term;

AND FURTHER THAT the purchase of the software be funded \$25,000 from the IT General Reserve and any shortfall from the approved 2016 Information Services budget.

Background

The IT Department is responsible for the security and health of every network connected corporate device. It is necessary to have security software installed on all connected devices that are managed corporately to mitigate the risk of malicious attacks and data loss.

The current software the County uses is expiring in October of 2016 and will need to be replaced. The suite of software being considered to replace the current software has

enhanced functionality that will include workstation encryption, mobile device management, web filtering and a self-serve password portal to help the IT Department consolidate multiple security services into one centralized console.

Financial/Staffing/Legal/Information Technology Considerations

There is a financial advantage to pre-paying for three years of software in advance, vendors give large discounts of up to 50%. There is not enough money budgeted in the 2016 approved Information Services budget to pre-pay for the software and take advantage of the savings. This report recommends that \$25,000 from the IT General reserve be used to fund this pre-payment. The IT General reserve has a current balance of \$172,000 with \$4,000.00 a year being transferred to reserve for the past 4 years specifically for security software.

The IT Department will get vendor quotes for a three year pre-paid service as soon as this funding is approved.

Respectfully submitted by,

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