

**RECORD OF EXERCISE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY OFFICER PURSUANT TO
REGULATION 13 OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS)
(MEETINGS AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012 &
THE OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014**

<u>SUBJECT OF DECISION</u>	
Procurement of Managed Detection and Response Security Operations Centre Services	
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	<u>SOURCE OF AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE</u> (i.e. Committee/ Constitution/Minute No. etc.
DO/94/2026 (AB)	Part 3D paragraphs 3D.2 a) and b) of the Council's Constitution
<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	<u>DECISION MAKER</u> (Name and Job Title)
23 February 2026	Anthony Baxter - Assistant Director for Digital and Business Change 
<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u>	
<p>a) The issue NBBC participated in a pilot run by MHCLG trialling the potential benefits of a shared Managed Detection and Response SOC facility across multiple local authorities over six months during 2025. The pilot provided 24x7x365 services to proactively monitor and protect our IT infrastructure and has proven successful in detecting and mitigating potential threats to our network. The pilot ended on 31 July 2025 and plans for MHCLG to provide this facility on a permanent basis are under review, with services likely to be in place in approximately 2 years' time.</p> <p>Continuation of the service with the provider involved in the pilot exercise would allow us to maintain vigilance over our network, systems and applications and ensure a proactive defence posture against cyber threat.</p>	
<p>b) The Decision</p> <p>In order to continue the provision of the Managed Detection and Response SOC services, a decision has been taken to enter into a two-year agreement via GCloud direct award.</p>	
<u>REASON FOR THE DECISION</u>	
Absence of the services will significantly reduce the level of security of our network.	
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED IN MAKING THE DECISION</u>	
We could choose not to engage any external SOC services going forward. Provision of out of hours monitoring and resolution is not possible with the current internal structure and resources.	

<p><u>WARD RELEVANCE</u></p> <p>None</p>
<p><u>FINANCIAL AND BUDGET IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>Met within existing revenue budget</p>
<p><u>CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN WITH MEMBERS/OFFICERS</u></p> <p>Finance & Corporate Portfolio Holder Assistant Director - Democracy & Governance Assistant Director – Finance IT & Communications Manager</p>
<p><u>ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED BY ANY MEMBER CONSULTED</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
<p><u>IN RESPECT OF ANY DECLARED CONFLICT BY A CABINET MEMBER, ANY DISPENSATION GIVEN BY THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE</u> (Note if the decision is a non-executive decision, no dispensation can be given).</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p><u>EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS (including any Equality Impact Assessment)</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
<p><u>HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>None</p>
<p><u>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>None</p>
<p><u>HEALTH EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>None</p>
<p><u>SECTION 17 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>None</p>
<p><u>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>Absence of the SOC services would negatively impact our cyber security posture, with significantly reduced monitoring and response capabilities.</p>
<p><u>SME (SMALL/MEDIUM ENTERPRISES) & LOCAL ECONOMY IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>None</p>

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None

ANY OTHER COMMENTS

N/A

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MADE OR AS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE THEREAFTER**