

# NEW UNIVERSITY OF PETERBOROUGH

## ICT PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

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### 1. Document Control

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### 2. Background

This document should be read in conjunction with the Interim ICT Strategy document v1.0 issued on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

This document sets out PTS' recommendations for the approach to the ICT procurement at both a building and operational level.

In order to do this we have categorised ICT into a number of areas:

- **Infrastructure**  
ICT cabling, wireless network, digital and AV systems, Network switches, routers, firewalls, local servers and storage
- **Software**  
Academic and business applications
- **End User Devices**  
Laptops, PCs, printers
- **External Connectivity**  
Internet, JANET

### 3. Infrastructure

Core ICT infrastructure related to the phase 1 building should be procured as part of the Main Contractor (MC) package. To avoid excessive 'margin on margin' we would recommend the MC appoint a direct ICT Trade Contractor rather than a sub-contractor to the Electrical Trade Contractor.

#### Passive Infrastructure:

This is largely the ICT (data) cabling and ancillary items such as distribution frames and equipment racks; these items sit comfortably in the main contract as specialist trade contracts.

Ongoing maintenance, support and changes for these items could sit within a building Facilities Management (FM) contract.

## Active Infrastructure:

ICT packages in this category are:

- Network (switches, routers, firewalls, etc)
- Wireless (access points, network)
- 4G/5G mobile enhancement
- Digital / Audio Visual Systems
- Local server and storage systems

It is recommended that these items are also procured as part of the main contract, however, further requirement/design input will be required from the selected Higher Education Partner (HEP) prior to procurement. These items attract significant education sector discounts and are also available via HE and Government procurement framework; protection of these discounts and access to the frameworks should be made available to the MC/TC, this may need the support of the chosen HEP.

In addition to the standard defects liability cover, which will sit with the MC, it is recommended that ongoing support for these systems is the subject of further discussion as some elements may be best supported directly by the HEP rather than an FM contract.

## 4. Software

Business and academic software solutions and licences should be procured directly by the NUP operating entity under the guidance of the HEP.

## 5. End User Devices

User devices such as laptops, printers and PCs should be procured directly by the NUP operating entity under the guidance of the HEP.

## 6. External Connectivity

External connections to the internet and HE network (JANET) should be procured directly by the NUP operating entity under the guidance of the HEP, specifically a JANET connection will need to be procured via the HEP.