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| **WWU Final Determination** | | |
| **FDQ Query** | | |
| **Reference number** | WWU\_FDQ\_04 | |
| **Document Name** |  | |
| **Topic/Activity:** | IT – Project 40 (WWUPRJ40) | |
| **Question:** | The project justification template explained that WWU has outsourced infrastructure management to third party framework partners. It is necessary to award lower cost (higher volume) activities as a matter of urgency or to maintain a steady-state of operations, where a small works order is required to maintain business operations. Examples include upgrade of components of the network; additional end-user app deployment, work to support other DNs. We had used the average costs over the last five years to provide cost assurance  Could you explain why this has been tagged as “Uncertainty Mechanism” please? | |
| **Confidential** | [No] | |
| **FDQ raised by** | Craig Armstrong | |
| **Date Sent** | 11/12/2020 | |
| **Ofgem Response** | Our consultants proposed this project to be subject to re-opener because of lack of sufficient project definition and resource requirement. However, as stated in the response to WWU\_FDQ1 (IT), please note that we have included this project into the totex baseline figure for the regression analysis. | |