

## UK Local Authority Implements Scalable Cloud Solution for Reduction of Cost and Complexity in Licensing.



“South Lanarkshire Council were looking for a solution which would reduce up-front cost and complexity on software and infrastructure for a key project, but would also allow us to grow our resource usage as the business requirements increased. SymetriQ’s Public Cloud platform gave us these benefits, along with the levels of security that we require.

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### Company Profile

- £1 Billion annual budget
- 16,000 Employees
- Fifth largest Local Authority in Scotland
- Population of over 300,000
- Area of over 1700 square Kilometres
- Headquarters in Hamilton

### The Challenge

South Lanarkshire Council were looking to implement Microsoft Project Server as a tool for managing projects and programmes. Initially for IT Services, but with the potential to roll out across the organisation. Due to the difficult economic environment, Capital Expenditure on the project needed to be kept to a minimum.

Additionally, as the initial deployment was to be a small pilot project, it was important not to ‘over provision’ on either infrastructure or licensing procurement. Importantly, as a Public Sector body, it was imperative that any data hosted externally must be in the UK in a data centre which meets stringent Public Sector Security requirements.

The project also provided an opportunity for IT Services to utilise Cloud on a proof-of-concept basis without the risk of doing so on a mission critical development project.

### The Solution

South Lanarkshire Council investigated a number of alternatives, before selecting UK Cloud Computing provider, SymetriQ. The solution was implemented in SymetriQ’s secure UK Data Centre, which already hosts NHS data. By taking advantage of Public Cloud infrastructure and Service Provider License Agreement (SPLA) licensing, the need for significant upfront investment was eliminated. This also means that monthly usage can be scaled up and down as required, bringing a significant cost saving.

### The Business Benefits

By implementing a solution on SymetriQ’s secure Public Cloud, South Lanarkshire Council were able to completely eliminate any upfront costs on hardware. Instead, the costs are broken down into small monthly increments, which can scale up and down based on usage. Thus freeing up valuable budget for other projects. Also, the Cloud Licensing model reduces the cost and complexity associated with software licensing. Licensing on this project is now taken care of entirely by SymetriQ. The ability to deploy resources in minutes means that test environments can be rolled out easily to test new functionality, proving business benefits without additional cost.

**Speak to us if you want to know more. We are happy to answer any question you might have.**

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