

# Your Network Firewall: to manage, or not to manage?



CORPORATE SERVICES



## Choosing between a

## Managed Firewall or In-house Approach

usually comes down to a few simple questions:



**Is IT security a core function of your business?**

### NO

Outsourcing can allow you to focus on your core business, while knowing your firewall is secure

### YES

If these skills are already internally available, you may not need to divert extra budget to cover them



**Which is more important to you - "Hands-on" control or cost control?**

### If COSTS are a priority

A managed service may be more cost-effective than training up staff and using internal resource

### If CONTROL is a priority

Managing your own firewall may suit if you have the time and resources to keep staff training up-to-date



**Would better resource management benefit your business?**

### YES

Entrusting your firewall means an expert can free up your people to focus on customers

### NO

Can your internal security experts support your solution 24/7? If so, a managed solution may be unnecessary



**Could your business security be more efficient?**

### YES

A managed solution could bring major efficiency gains – including ongoing monitoring, upgrades, patches and economies of scale

### NO

If your existing firewall efficiently covers all business-critical data, upgrades and monitoring, you may not need a managed firewall

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