# Armadillo Managed Services Delivers Secure Home & Mobile Working Solution For Local Government

**CenSus (Central Sussex) Deploys Excitor G/On and Excitor DME for Secure Home and Mobile Working.**

In October, 2014, CESG published guidance enabling Excitor G/On to be used by government organisations for accessing data at OFFICIAL from personally owned PCs. Now, CenSus, a partnership between Adur and Worthing Councils, Horsham and Mid Sussex District Councils, have deployed Excitor G/On to council staff that have a requirement to work from home and newly elected members who require secure access to the Council's IT systems.

Excitor G/On gives Council workers secure remote access to systems, including Citrix, remote desktops, web mail and other web based applications from personally owned end user devices, without the overhead of a VPN or other network infrastructure products. This is also a significant enabler for the Public Sector in complying with the 2014 EU Directive on Flexible Working.
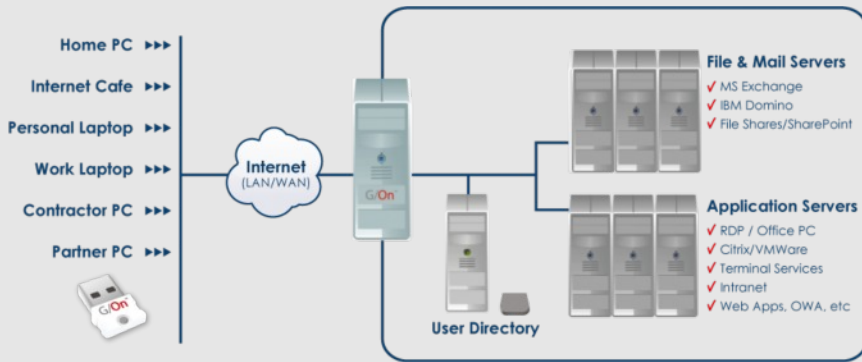
The solution is easy to understand and use for both IT administrators and end-users. End-users are issued with a G/On bootable USB token with which they authenticate themselves for access to council systems securely from any computer. There is a reduced requirement to procure & support council devices (eg laptops), no data leaves the network and no data or applications can be stored on the remote machine. The solution supports Windows and Mac laptops or desktops with built-in strong 2- factor authentication. Users can carry a USB stick instead of both a company laptop and a 2FA token.

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John Ross, Head of ICT for CenSus explains the project. "CenSus required a PSN compliant solution for remote access & home working, that had been evaluated by CESG, was quick to deploy, simple to administer and enabled access to a wide range of IT systems including Remote Desktop, Citrix servers and web applications. During a one month trial, we provided tokens to a number of managers across all sites with varying work patterns - all found G/On reliable & extremely
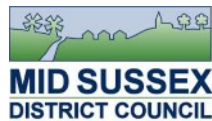
simple to use  The ease of the G/On deployment was demonstrated at Mid Sussex Council where it took just three days to go from raising an order to successfully deploying the solution to 54 elected members. There is considerable cost associated with providing company managed devices with VPN gateways, antivirus, antimalware software, certificate servers, token authentication servers, intrusion detection systems etc. G/On removes the need for that significant infrastructure complexity and cost."

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The deployment of Excitor G/On has been implemented and supported through the new partnership of Excitor and Armadillo Managed Services.  Mark Newns, CEO Armadillo Managed Services, commented "When we first saw G/On we were impressed with how easy it is to use and deploy, and how it reduces the cost and complexity for organisations who wish to deploy a flexible home working solution for their employees"

John Ross comments "CenSus ICT staff found it very easy to work with Armadillo to test and deploy the G/On solution - not only were their consultants knowledgeable, but they were able to quickly resolve any issues, working closely with Excitor. The whole process from initial discussions to test and

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implementation went very smoothly and was managed very well. Armadillo Managed Services worked very closely with CenSus to understand each of the council's environments and use cases, ensuring each deployment was in-line with their specific success criteria."

In addition to G/On, Mid Sussex Council have also selected Excitor DME to enable secure access to corporate email, PIM, documents and intranet from a range of mobile devices.

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