

REPORT TO COUNCIL – 30th July 2014

REPORT OF CABINET – 23rd July 2014

Cabinet met on 23rd July 2014 The minutes have been circulated separately.

The following Members were present at the meeting:

Present:

Mayor Dorothy Thornhill	(Strategic partnerships/ external relationships and community safety)
Cllr D Scudder	(Deputy Mayor and Portfolio Holder for Corporate Strategy & Client Services.
Cllr Crout	(Community & Customer Services Portfolio Holder)
Cllr Johnson	(Portfolio Holder for Housing)
Cllr Sharpe	(Regeneration & Development Portfolio Holder)

Also present:

Councillors Nigel Bell (Labour)
Mo Mills (Labour)
Jackie Connal (Labour)
Peter Taylor (Liberal Democrat)

There was one recommendation to Council:

ICT ROADMAP

A report from the ICT Client Head and Director of Finance stated that additional Capital funds are required in order to meet the ICT improvements required. The report proposed to initiate a programme of ICT improvements. A detailed version of the roadmap proposal was approved at Joint Leadership team on 3 February 2014.

The Councils outsourced the ICT Service to Capita SIS in May 2013. Since outsourcing a number of problems raised during due diligence had been addressed either through specific and chargeable projects using existing budgets or through the managed service contract.

Despite some areas of improvement over the past few months there was still a recognition that the issues identified within due diligence posed a risk to the Council and that users were experiencing impaired performance in a variety of ways.

Therefore, project areas had been defined as an overall programme of ICT technical improvements from Capita SIS.

The Director of Finance commented that the Council needed to put in investment in order to make improvements due to the aging IT estate. This had also been brought about by the government's requirements for new security arrangements.

Councillor Bell questioned whether further investment would be needed on top of what the report was requesting.

The Mayor responded that investment would continue to be needed to bring the service up to standard. The Director of Finance commented that the investment would have been needed whether the Council had outsourced the service or not.

RESOLVED –

That Cabinet agrees to the additional capital budget required to complete the ICT improvements outlined in this report and **recommends that Council approves the necessary increase to the capital programme.**

Appendices

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Appendix 1 – Additional Project Details.

Appendix 2 – Detailed project costs for WBC