
Meeting: Executive
Date: 12 January 2010
Subject: ICT Infrastructure Capital Programme Budget
Report of: Cllr Maurice Jones , Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources
Summary: The report proposes rectifying an omission of funds from the 2009/10 Capital Programme

Advising Officer: Clive Heaphy, Director of Corporate Resources
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Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Executive
Key Decision Yes
**Reason for urgency/
exemption from call-in
(if appropriate)** This decision is urgent because no further ICT commitments to support service delivery are possible without budget provision. Outstanding requests for equipment include items necessary for delivery of services and require immediate action.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The ICT Infrastructure capital budget supports the achievement of the Council's vision and priorities through ensuring availability of ICT infrastructure for officers and Members in the provision and delivery of services to customers.

Financial:

The report provides information on funds omitted from Capital Programme. Colleagues from Finance have been involved in the compilation of this report

Legal:

Colleagues from Legal Services are aware of the contents of the report and have been involved in discussions concerning the method of resolving the omission.

Risk Management:

The risks associated with the current situation have been identified and form part of the justification for this report. These are detailed in the attached business case.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

These proposals will not require a period of consultation with staff. There may be implications for working practices if the omission is not approved

Equalities/Human Rights:

The current situation may impact the ability of the organisation to meet legislative requirements concerning access to work and to support staff with special requirements.

Community Safety:

No issues to report.

Sustainability:

The recommendations contained in this report will have no significantly adverse environmental implications.

Summary of Overview and Scrutiny Comments:

- This report has not been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- 1. that the funding omission identified in this report be rectified and the Capital Programme as revised be endorsed by the Executive**

Reason for Recommendation(s): To deliver agreed objectives and benefits through the ICT infrastructure across the Central Bedfordshire Council.

Executive Summary**Background**

1. The ICT Infrastructure budget ensures that there is IT equipment available either to refresh failing or provide additional IT equipment including Desktop PC's, Laptop and any other supporting equipment deemed essential to the delivery of services by staff and members of Central Bedfordshire. In addition it ensures that the ICT infrastructure is able to continue at an optimum level across all CBC corporate buildings

Current Situation

2. The Capital Budget Report submitted to and approved by both Executive and Council in November revised the 09/10 ICT Infrastructure budget to £108,000, with £800,000 being identified as slippage into 2010/11.

3. At the time the Executive considered the revised Capital Programme the budget set omitted to take into account the existing spend and commitments totalling £342,000; and the budget required to provide service areas with equipment for the remaining part of the financial year. The budget figure should have been set at £450,000 with £458,000 slippage into 2010/11.

Options Appraisal

4. The options considered and the justification for pursuing the revised course of action may be found at Appendix A in the Business Case.

Conclusions and Recommendation

5. Executive is asked to rectify the funding omission identified in this report and that the Capital Programme as revised be endorsed

Appendices:

Appendix A – Summary Business Case

Background Papers: (open to public inspection)

None

Location of papers: (Insert location where papers are held)

N/A