
Meeting: Executive
Date: 10 January 2012
Subject: ICT Framework
Report of: Cllr Maurice Jones, Executive Member for Corporate Resources
Summary: The report proposes an operating framework for the ICT Service for the period January 2012 to April 2016.

Advising Officer: John Unsworth, Assistant Chief Executive Resources
Contact Officer: Clive Jones, Chief ICT Officer
Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: None
Function of: Executive
Key Decision: No
Reason for urgency/
exemption from call-in
(if appropriate): None

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

This recommendation enables the Council to deliver best value for money without impacting on front line service delivery and its strategic vision for Central Bedfordshire.

Financial:

1. The Government's spending reductions have required the Council to consider all avenues for making efficiency savings. This proposal identifies where revenue savings can be achieved in the provision of ICT Services whilst providing vision for the future that meets the needs of the Council.

Legal:

2. There are no legal implications.

Risk Management:

3. There is an increased risk that the ICT Service change programme required to deliver services through the most cost effective channels may not deliver the required efficiencies.
4. This will be closely monitored through the project governance that has been established in the ICT Service and mitigating actions initiated should any deviation detected.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

5. There are no resourcing implications anticipated as a direct result of this ICT Framework being adopted. Any staffing reductions that emerge as a follow on from the adoption of the Framework by the ICT Service will be carried out in accordance with the Council's Managing Change Policy.

Equalities/Human Rights:

6. In developing the ICT Framework proposals, the Council must ensure that decisions are made in such a way as to minimise unfairness, and that there is not a disproportionately negative effect on people from different ethnic groups, disabled people, and men and women.
7. The statutory equality duties must be exercised in substance, with rigour and an open mind. To ensure that they have complied with the equality duties, and to ensure that any decision made does not unfairly discriminate, public authorities should:
 - carry out robust equality impact assessments and consult and involve relevant stakeholders as part of the decision-making process;
 - consider all relevant, available information in order to anticipate any likely negative impact and to seek to avoid that negative impact by taking alternative courses of action wherever possible;
 - keep an adequate record showing that they had actually considered their equality duties and pondered relevant questions; and
 - be rigorous in both inquiring and reporting to Members the outcome of the assessment and the legal duties. When decisions are made, decision makers must have the relevant data, including the results of equality impact assessment, and of consultation and involvement, to ensure they reach an informed decision.

Community Safety:

8. Under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 the Council has a duty to consider community safety issues across all of its functions. In developing and implementing the detailed business case, implications will be carefully considered to ensure compliance with the Community Safety Partnership's priorities and plans as endorsed by this Council.

Sustainability:

9. None

Procurement:

10. Any procurements resulting from the implementation of the ICT Framework will be in accordance with the Councils existing procurement policy and governance arrangements.

Overview and Scrutiny:

11. This report has been presented to the Customer & Shared Services Overview and Scrutiny committee twice for comment. The second time was in November 2011 where it received broad acceptance.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Executive is asked to:

- 1. to adopt the attached ICT Framework document for the period January 2012 to April 2016; and**
- 2. that the ICT Framework be reviewed by the Member responsible for ICT on an annual basis.**

<i>Reason for Recommendations:</i>	So that the Council has a clear understanding of the ICT service operating framework for the period of the Council.
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Executive Summary

12. This report sets out an ICT Framework for the period of the current Council plus one year to enable the transition between councils to occur. It defines the future shape of the ICT Service required to meet the future demands of the Council.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

13. The purpose of the report is to introduce the attached ICT Framework document. Since Central Bedfordshire became a unitary authority the ICT Service has been building the infrastructure to deliver the significant changing market that the Council operates within. The attached ICT Framework now describes the vision and future shape of the ICT Service that is required to serve the Council for the next four years.
14. Executive Members are requested to adopt the ICT Framework to enable the ICT Service to progress operational delivery in alignment with the direction it sets.

Background Papers: (open to public inspection)
ICT Framework

Location of papers: (Insert location where papers are held)
CBC Network S drive.