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Report to:	Finance and Information Technology Committee
Date of Meeting:	3 March 2009
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Information Technology Resources)

Subject:	Caird Street Data Centre - Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Advise of a new customer for the Data Centre

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the success in gaining a new customer is noted
- (2) that it be noted that increase in capacity usage and income will be reflected in the Strategy and Action Plan for the Caird Data Centre.

3. Background

- 3.1. A report was tabled at the Committee in December 2008 outlining the developing utilisation of the Council's Data Centre at Caird Street Hamilton, as a centre for hosted services for external organisations.
- 3.2. A number of other public sector organisations have intimated interest in the shared service approach. Potential developments outlined in that report included:
 - ◆ Sharing disaster recovery services with West Lothian Council who are setting up a new data-centre in Livingston.
- 3.3. Since December the West Lothian requirement has developed and it has been concluded that South Lanarkshire will host 6/7 racks of computers and storage in the Caird Data Centre.
- 3.4. Full delivery of the service will commence with the installation of communication links to Hamilton from Livingston by end February and all services will be in place during April and May 2009.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. None

5. Financial Implications

5.1. The additional utilisation will generate £69,300 and £80,850 per annum of income depending on the number of racks allocated.

6. Other Implications

- 6.1. The changes to occupancy will be reflected in the Strategy for Hosted and Shared Services that will be presented to a future Committee.

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 7.1. There is no requirement to carry out an impact assessment in terms of the proposals contained within this report.
- 7.2. There is also no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

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Executive Director (Finance and Information Technology Resources)

29 January 2009

Link(s) to Council Objectives

Value: Accountable, effective and efficient

Previous References

- ◆ Finance and IT Committee 9 December 2008

List of Background Papers

None

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