

Report

Report to:	Finance and Corporate Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	2 June 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	2021/2022 Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Asset Management Plan
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise Committee on the outcomes of the 2021/2022 Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Asset Management Plan

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted; and
- (2) that the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Asset Management Plan for 2021/2022 be approved.

3. Background

3.1. The Executive Committee, at its meeting held on 22 September 2010, approved the implementation of an extended model for Corporate Asset Management from 2011. This included developing Asset Plans across a number of service areas, in line with CiPFA guidance, and summarised, under an overarching Corporate Asset Management Plan, which demonstrates how each area supports corporate objectives. The Service Areas are Property, Housing, ICT, Roads Infrastructure and Fleet.

3.2. The ICT Asset Management Plan aims to put in place effective ICT asset management processes which enable high quality ICT services to be provided to meet the needs of the Council.

4. Outcomes of the 2021/2022 ICT Asset Management Plan

4.1. The ICT Asset Management Plan outlines the priorities and strategies required to develop and support the ICT asset estate which is in place to support the business objectives of the Council whilst ensuring business continuity. The plan highlights the key actions planned for the year ahead, ensuring that the Council's ICT Assets are fit for purpose.

4.2. A major programme to migrate all desktop and laptop PCs to Windows 10 will conclude during the year. In addition, desktop and laptop PCs running older versions of Windows 10 will be upgraded.

- 4.3. The Caird datacentre is scheduled to close in December 2021 and all SLC computer hardware will be migrated to an external supplier by that date. The Asset Management Plan for 2021/2022 has taken account of this and some equipment, including computer servers and storage which would normally have been replaced will not be refreshed prior to migration.
- 4.4. Ongoing upgrades to the Council's data network will include the replacement of network access switches which are nearing end of life, upgrade of lines to increase capacity and bandwidth, and replacement of firewalls and wireless access points to maintain and enhance data security.
- 4.5. A number of small telephone systems are reaching end of life/support, a replacement programme has been established.
- 4.6. For application software, upgrades of end-of-life software will be scheduled and implemented.
- 4.7. Mobile phones running older versions of Android operating system will be refreshed.
- 4.8. The Information and Communication Technology Asset Management Plan for 2021/2022 is attached at Appendix 1.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. There are no employee implications.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. The details of the plans will influence future investment decisions and capital bids, but there are no direct Financial Implications from the production of the Asset Management Plan.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. There are no significant issues in terms risk.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 9.2. The statutory Consultation Authorities have confirmed that the Asset Management Plan is exempt from Strategic Environmental Assessment as its implementation will have minimal effect in relation to the environment.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Work with Communities and Partners to Promote High Quality, Thriving and Sustainable Communities

Previous References

- ◆ Finance and Corporate Resources Committee, 19 August 2020

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

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