

Internal Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Friday, 13 March 2020

Electoral Division affected: (All Divisions);
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ICT and the Relationship with Members

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

The attached summary (Appendix A) provides an update to Internal Scrutiny Committee on the current and forthcoming work relating to Member Development, the Digital Strategy and the BTLS Transition of ICT services back to the Council.

Recommendation

The Internal Scrutiny Committee are recommended to receive the update and comment as appropriate.

Background and Advice

Member development, including ICT provision, is overseen by the Member Development Working Group. The Working Group will shortly begin considering the support, including ICT support and provision that needs to be put in place following the 2021 election.

The Digital Strategy was approved by Cabinet in October 2019. This sets the priorities for the council in modernising its services in order to maximise the opportunities afforded by digital and technology advancements, none more so than the internet, since the last design of council services.

The BTLS contract comes to an end on the 31 March 2021. The council is running a major piece of work to prepare for this date and to prepare to capitalise on the new opportunities afforded to the Council after this date.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

1. The provision of ICT to Members, to staff and to partners.
2. The provision of IT Services to Council departments to enable delivery of information and service.

Risk management

There are significant risks in progressing with the Digital Strategy and the BTLS / LCC transition work. The risks are being managed in line with LCC best practice and fortnightly reviewed by the Chief Digital Officer.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A