

North East Derbyshire District Council

Cabinet

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Client ICT Strategies

Report of Councillor J Austen, Portfolio Holder with Responsibility for Information Technology, E-Information and Asset Management

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

- To review the outcomes of the NEDDC 2013-2015 client ICT Strategy and to present a joint client ICT Strategy to cover the period from 2016-2018 for approval.

1 Report Details

1.1 A joint ICT Service Strategy is in place to cover the key aims and covers the period 2014–2017. This focuses on activities for which the joint ICT service are responsible. Client ICT strategies collate the activities which have an ICT element but which are led by the service areas.

1.2 For 2013-2016 separate client ICT Strategies were developed for BDC and NEDDC. From the action plans agreed the following outcomes were delivered:

1.3 At NEDDC of the 17 items agreed:

- 9 were delivered on schedule;
- 4 were delivered but behind initial target date;
- 4 were not progressed all of which will be rolled over to the 2016-18 action

For further detail a link to NEDDC Client ICT Strategy 2013-15 outcomes is available at paragraph 8 to this report.

1.4 The new Client Strategy has identified 41 separate projects. These are defined in the new client ICT Strategy available through the link in paragraph 8 of this report.

1.5 If the Transformation Strategy is reviewed then changes to the timescales and projects may be required if so the action plan attached will be reviewed and updated periodically during the lifecycle of the strategy.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

2.1 Consideration should be given for how projects are resourced from a service perspective. A significant number of the delays in the 2013-15 action plan were due to lack of staff resource to progress and deliver projects.

- 2.2 The new Strategy and associated action plan consolidates all significant client led activities with an ICT element. This will assist in ensuring that ICT resource can be allocated and early involvement from ICT can ensure that costs and additional impacts and risks can be identified in good time.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

- 3.1 Consultation has been undertaken with all members of SAMT in the preparation of the strategy and action plan and the first draft has been available for review since August.
- 3.2 Upon approval by SAMT further consultation was undertaken with the Portfolio Holders at BDC and NEDDC.
- 3.3 The documents were circulated to the Strategic Alliance Joint Committee for comment.
- 3.4 A full Equalities Impact Assessment has been conducted for the Strategy and this available through a link at paragraph 8 to this report.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Maintain separate Strategies. This was rejected as it would lead to considerable overlap and duplication.

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

- 5.1.1 Each item identified within the strategy action plan is likely to have both costs and risks attached to them. These should be considered separately as part of the formal business case approval and the approved project management processes in place.

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

- 5.2.1 Will need to be considered on a project by project basis. See 5.1.

5.3 Human Resources Implications

Will need to be considered on a project by project basis. See 5.1.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 That Cabinet approve the joint 2016-18 client ICT Strategy.
- 6.2 That the actions within the 2016-18 client ICT Strategy are incorporated into the next revision of service plans where not already identified.
- 6.3 That progress against the action plan is reviewed on a six monthly basis and reported back to SAMT.

7 Decision Information

Is the decision a Key Decision? (A Key Decision is an executive decision which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
District Wards Affected	None
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	No

8 Document Information

Links to Appendices	Title
	NEDDC Client ICT Strategy 2013-15 outcomes Strategic Alliance Client ICT Strategy 2016-18 Equalities Impact Assessment
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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