

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (Strategy and Resources)

Date: 1st April 2019

Subject: Embracing Digital Technology Solutions - draft Scrutiny Inquiry report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. Linked to the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019/20 – 2021/22, the Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board was informed of work being progressed around seven key budget workstreams which, when successfully implemented, are anticipated to contribute significantly in the achievement of a balanced budget position in each of the years covered by the Strategy.
2. Linked to this, it was recognised that the Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board could add particular value to the 'Digital' budget workstream focusing on the further use of technology to help reduce costs and improve customer experience.
3. The Board therefore agreed to undertake an Inquiry on 'Embracing Digital Technology Solutions'. The terms of reference for this Inquiry were agreed by the Board in September 2018.
4. This inquiry has now concluded and the Board is in a position to report on its findings and recommendations resulting from the evidence gathered. The Board's draft report will therefore be made available in readiness for today's meeting when Board Members will be asked to formally consider and agree its report.
5. Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 13.2 states that "where a Scrutiny Board is considering making specific recommendations it shall invite advice from the appropriate Director(s) prior to finalising its recommendations. The Director shall consult with the appropriate Executive Member before providing any such advice. The detail of that advice shall be reported to the Scrutiny Board and considered before the report is finalised".

6. Once the Board publishes its final report, the appropriate Director(s) will be asked to formally respond to the Scrutiny Board's recommendations.

Recommendation

7. Members are asked to consider and agree the Board's report following its inquiry on 'Embracing Digital Technology Solutions'

Background documents¹

8. None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.