



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Central & Corporate Functions)

Date: 10th January 2011

Subject: ICT

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 In October 2010 this Board discussed with the Chief Executive a number of issues, one of which was ICT provision and systems. Particularly Members raised issues around how 'fit for purpose' the current provision was. Also discussed was the need to invest in ICT in order to ensure a robust and reliable ICT service which not only maintains the day to day service but also plays a key part in many business change projects, whilst at the same time recognizing how this expenditure might be perceived and justified in a time of restricted budgets and reduced investment elsewhere in the organization.

1.2 Members agreed therefore to discuss these, and other ICT issues, at today's meeting with the Chief Officer (ICT).

1.3 The Chair has identified a number of subject areas the Board may wish to cover. These include;

- Changes in ICT since the publication of the ICT Strategy 2007-10
- Funding to deliver a robust and reliable operational service and the minimum expectations of the Council.
- The ICT Strategy 2010 to 2015

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Members are asked to;

- (i) Engage in a discussion with the Chief Officer (ICT) on matters falling within his remit.

Background Papers None used