

IT SUB-GROUP REPORT

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ITEM 11A**

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Background

1. The IT Sub-group was initially formed to review the Council's IT. In effect it has become a consultative group, given the pace of change which was required by the e-government programme and to ensure a more stable infrastructure for IT.
2. Members will recall a meeting earlier this year, suggesting a possible partnership with the County Council and their private sector partner
3. A meeting of the IT Sub-group took place on 13th October and at which an update was received, and this report gives a synopsis of that meeting.
4. Members may also recall that Cllr Mrs Anne Bradshaw and Mr Alistair Norwood are formally members of the sub group. A replacement was sought at a meeting earlier this year for Cllr Mr Jim Hewitson, and as there was no other member of this Committee with the necessary IT experience, it was decided that it may be better to co-opt another member on to the sub-group.

It is suggested to Members that Councillor Keith Hitchen, OSC Economic Well-being be coopted onto the group. When the IT Sub Group was set up, Cllr Hitchen was invited by the Committee to attend the meetings. Cllr Hitchen is also Shadow Portfolio Holder for IT and the Portfolio Holder, Cllr Norman Williams attends the sub group meetings.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) That Members note the attached report at Item 11b.
- b) That Members agreed to formalising Cllr Hitchen's involvement with the sub group, by inviting him to become a co-opted Member.