

ANGUS COUNCIL

RESOURCES AND CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – 1 SEPTEMBER 2005

IT INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNED REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

ABSTRACT

This report recommends the allocation of £60,000 from the IT R&R fund to enable the provision of replacement hardware and software to enhance the service provision within departments.

1. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report and approve the allocation of £60,000 from the IT Repairs and Renewals fund.

2. BACKGROUND

As part of an ongoing replacement programme of desktop personal computers within the IT infrastructure there are a number of personal computers in use that are at least 4 years old or more. This equipment falls below the minimum hardware specification to run the latest versions of software required. The software currently in use on this equipment is no longer supported by Microsoft and is open to security vulnerabilities. Implementation of this replacement will remove all presence of the outdated Windows 95 and Windows 98 from the corporate infrastructure and also initiate a replacement programme for Windows NT.

Due to security vulnerabilities, there is also a need to replace two 6 year old infrastructure file servers. This should avoid performance issues on the services provided by these file servers.

The equipment will be sourced through the GCat framework, previously agreed by the Committee. The equipment to be replaced is located within Chief Executive's Department (10 units); Finance (15 units); Education HQ (10 units); Leisure Services (9 units); Social Work (2 units) and E & CP (15 units)

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of procuring the equipment will be approximately £60,000. This cost can be contained within the current balances of the Information Technology Repairs and Renewals Fund. The project is also contained in the Council's Financial Plan.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

5. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration and the acting Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.