

**ANGUS COUNCIL
RESOURCES AND CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – 20 OCTOBER 2005**

**IT INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME – PHASE 2
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 hardware and software to complete the planned replacement of older equipment in use across the Council.

1 RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report and approve the allocation of £60,000 from the IT Renewal and Repair Fund.

2 BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 1st September 2005 the Committee approved Report 1021/05 (IT Infrastructure Planned Replacement Programme) which detailed the replacement of 61 older computers in use in various areas of the Council. There are a further 71 personal computers in use that are at least 4 years old. A significant number of these computers are used within the Department of Social Work and Health. This equipment falls below the minimum 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 phase of replacement will complete the replacement programme for Windows NT and remove these vulnerabilities.

The replacement equipment will be purchased through the GCat procurement framework previously agreed by the Committee. This phase of replacement will predominantly occur throughout Social Work and Health in addition to units being replaced in Leisure Services, Training Services and various other locations.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

The approximate cost of replacing the equipment is £60,000. Of this £40,000 can be contained with the current balances of the Information Technology Renewal and Repair Fund allocated for planned replacement of computers. A further £20,000 can be contained within the remaining balance of funds within the IT R&R Fund earmarked specifically for use within the Department of Social Work and Health as previously approved by the Finance and Information Technology Committee (Report 74/02 – Social Work Department New Money Monitoring Report 2001-02.)

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 Acting Director of Finance have been consulted on the terms of this report.

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.