

ANGUS COUNCIL

RESOURCES AND CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE – 3RD FEBRUARY 2005

SERVICE PLAN UPDATE – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

ABSTRACT

This report highlights the significant issues arising from the implementation of the Service Plan for the Department of Information Technology.

1. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to note the progress being made to implement the Service Plan and in particular the measures being taken to address any significant variations from the plan.

2. BACKGROUND

The Committee approved an updated Service Plan for the Department of Information Technology at its meeting of 9th September 2004. Since that time departmental resources have sought to implement the actions outlined in the updated plan.

3. PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTATION

In broad terms progress has been maintained according to the plan. Significant among the achievements to date have been the development of a formal departmental risk register and a revised process for reporting departmental performance to managers. The period has also seen the timeous implementation of the Council Geographic Information System on the corporate intranet and more recently the availability of online access to planning information via the Council website.

The Council was notified by the Scottish Executive in October that its bid for Modernising Government Funding (MGF3). However no further information regarding the actual allocation of funds has yet been received and consequently there have been delays in initiating the various projects in this programme. The conversion programme for Windows 2003 in schools has also been delayed due to other commitments but resources have been re-allocated to complete the project before financial year-end.

The review of support functions has made good progress but has now been extended to include a full options appraisal for the future provision of desktop computer management and will not now be completed until March 2005.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS

There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

6. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive and the Directors of Finance and Law and Administration 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 the above Report.