ABSTRACT:

This report seeks approval for the adoption by the council of a Corporate Information Technology Strategy.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee:

1) note the report; and,
2) approve the adoption and implementation of the Corporate IT Strategy.

2. BACKGROUND

Report no 74/10 approved the adoption and implementation of arrangements for Information Technology Governance and Strategy, in particular, the formation of the Information Technology Strategic Development Group with representation from all council departments. The preparation of a Corporate IT Strategy has been one of the actions for this group and the first iteration of the strategy has been prepared.

The strategy (attached) focusses on ensuring that investments in technology are targeted to assisting the council to make progress in three key areas:

- A working environment which supports agile working arrangements for our employees.
- Business processes and systems which improve productivity and provide value for money.
- Services which are accessible to, and responsive to the needs of, our customers.

Implementation of the strategy will be lead by the Head of Information Technology, supported by the IT Strategic Development Group and reporting to the Chief Officers Management Team.

4. RISKS

This report does not require any specific risk issues to be addressed.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding (mainly through the IT R & R Fund) has already been provided or identified for the projects contained in the strategy and any additional resourcing which may be required will be the subject of consideration through the budget setting process in the normal manner.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights implications arising from this report.
7. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

The issues contained in the report fall within an approved category that has been confirmed as exempt from an equalities perspective.

8. CONSULTATION

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

9. CONCLUSION

This adoption of the Corporate Information Technology Strategy will provide the basis for ensuring that investments in technology are focussed to deliver positive outcomes for the council.

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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 a material extent in preparing the above report.

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