CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: CABINET

Date of Meeting: 19th September 2011
Report of: ICT Strategy Manager – Gareth Pawlett
Subject/Title: ICT Strategy 2011-12
Portfolio Holder: Cllr Brown

1.0 Report Summary

1.1 The Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Strategy document, that was published last year, has been updated and Cabinet are asked to consider the ICT Strategy 2011 – 2012 for approval. This strategy sets the corporate direction for ICT within the Council and supports corporate priorities.

1.2 The ICT Strategy 2011-2012 is recommended for Cabinet approval.

2.0 Decision Requested

2.1 To endorse and approve the corporate ICT Strategy 2011-2012 to enable it to progress to publication and enable implementation.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 An ICT Strategy is a key success factor for a modern organisation. This strategy summarises how the ICT Strategy team, in conjunction with ICT Shared Services, partners and external providers; contributes to the success of Cheshire East.

4.0 Wards Affected

4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

5.1 All

6.0   Policy Implications including - Climate change
**   - Health**

6.1   None identified.

7.0   Financial Implications (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

7.1   Within current budgets – there are no additional financial implications

8.0   Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

8.1   There are no specific Legal implications.

9.0   Risk Management

9.1   A fragmented approach to ICT, conducted outside of a structured
         framework, will restrict the ability of Cheshire East Council to achieve
         value for money. A clear ICT strategy mitigates this risk.

10.0   Background and Options

10.1   The ICT Strategy sets out the ICT direction for the Council and how it
         supports the Council vision. The ICT Strategy is reviewed and updated
         on an annual basis to ensure that it is in line with corporate objectives
         and improving technologies. Cabinet is invited to approve the ICT
         Strategy 2011-2012.

11.0   Overview of Year One and Term One Issues

11.1   None identified

12.0   Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the
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