CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Cabinet

Date of Meeting: 28th May 2013
Report of: ICT Strategy Manager
Subject/Title: Key Decision 41 - ICT Strategy 2013-16
Portfolio Holder: Cllr David Brown (Strategic Communities)

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 2013 – 2016 for approval. This strategy sets the corporate direction for ICT within the Council and supports corporate priorities.

1.2   The ICT Strategy 2013-2016 is recommended for Cabinet approval.

2.0   Decision Requested

2.1   To endorse and approve the corporate Information and Communications Technology Strategy 2013-2016 to enable it to progress to publication.

2.2   To authorise officers to take all necessary actions to implement the strategy/proposal.

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

6.1   None identified.

7.0   Financial Implications

7.1   Within current budgets – there are no additional financial implications. Delivery of the Strategy is dependent upon approval of the associated budgets for the period

8.0   Legal Implications

8.1   There are no specific Legal Implications arising out of publication of the report. Projects which fall within the 3 year strategy will be subject to the Council's Finance and Contract Procedure Rules as they arise.

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 2013-2016.

11.0   Access to Information

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

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