IMPLEMENTING ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT UPDATE

Responsible Cabinet Member(s) - Councillor Don Bristow, Resource Management Portfolio

Responsible Director(s) - Paul Wildsmith Director of Corporate Services

Purpose of Report

1. To present to Members a preview of the Implementing Electronic Government 2006 (IEG5) statement ahead of its submission to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM).

Background

- 2. The ODPM requires all councils to submit an IEG5 Statement on their progress towards meeting the BVPI 157 target and Priority Outcomes by Monday 19th December 2005.
- 3. It is a requirement that the Statement be approved by the Council prior to its submission.
- 4. The proforma for the IEG5 has not yet been finalised but it is not expected to deviate significantly from the format used for the IEG4.5 Statement.
- 5. I have therefore attached a copy of an updated IEG4.5 as Appendix A.
- 6. As Members will note the BVPI 157 target of having all services e-enabled by the end of 2005 has already been achieved and good progress on the Priority Outcomes is being maintained.
- 7. Required outcomes must be Green (achieved) by the 31st December 2005, whilst Good outcomes must be Green by 31st March 2006.
- 8. At the moment, it is anticipated that all Required outcomes will be Green at 31st December 2005, with only three Good outcomes currently being shown as not achieving Green status by 31st March 2006, these are G12, G16 and G17.
- 9. A brief comment on each of these is included in the IEG4.5 statement and work continues to progress these towards meeting the ODPM's target.

Legal Implications

10. This report has been considered by the Borough Solicitor for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Borough Solicitor considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

11. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. It is not considered that the contents of this report have any such effect.

Council Policy Framework

12. The issues contained within this report are required to be considered by Council.

Recommendation

- 13. Council are requested to :-
 - (a) Approve the IEG5 Statement based on the content of Appendix A
 - (b) Allow the Director of Corporate Services and the Council's Officer e-champion to make any necessary changes to the statement to reflect any change in format of the IEG5 proforma and include any additional information that will strengthen the Council's IEG5 statement ahead of its submission to the ODPM.

Reasons

- 14. The recommendations are supported by the following reasons :-
 - (a) It supports the Council's Electronic Government Strategy and IEG statements.
 - (b) It will allow the Council to deliver the priority services as identified by the government.

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Background Papers

IEG4.5 statement

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