



Coventry City Council

Council Meeting

30th March 2010

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CABINET

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Cabinet Members Present:-
Councillor Blundell
Councillor Mrs Dixon
Councillor Foster
Councillor Mrs Johnson
Councillor Lee
Councillor Noonan
Councillor Ridley
Councillor Sawdon
Councillor Taylor (Chair)
Councillor Williams

Non-Voting Opposition Representatives present:-
Councillor Duggins
Councillor Mutton

Employees Present:-
H. Abraham (Customer and Workforce Services Directorate)
S. Brake (Community Services Directorate)
B. Butterworth (City Services and Development Directorate)
F. Collingham (Chief Executive's Directorate)
T. Errington (City Services and Development Directorate)
A. Farmer (Customer and Workforce Services Directorate)
C. Forde (Council Solicitor and Assistant Director (Legal Services))
C. Green (Director of Children, Learning and Young People)
J. Handley (Customer and Workforce Services Directorate)
S. Iannantuoni (Customer and Workforce Services Directorate)
C. Knight (City Services and Development Directorate)
L. Knight (Customer and Workforce Services Directorate)
J. McGuigan (Director of Strategic Planning and Partnership)
M. Reeves (Chief Executive)
M. Saroya (Customer and Workforce Services Directorate)
C. West (Director of Finance and Legal Services)
M. Yardley (City Services and Development Directorate)

Apologies Councillor Nellist

RECOMMENDATIONS

130. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the item of business referred to in Minute 135 below relating to "Wide Area Network, Urban Traffic Management Control and Primelines Update" on the grounds that this item involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of that Act.

132. **Wide Area Network, Urban Traffic Management Control and Primelines Update**

The Cabinet considered a joint report of the Director of Customer and Workforce Services, the Director of Finance & Legal Services, and the Director of Strategic Planning and Partnerships, which provided an update on the progress of three major projects - Wide Area Network 2 (WAN), Urban Traffic Management Control (UTMC) and Primelines. These projects were being managed as one overall programme so that road users, Council services and partners all benefit from a more resilient, effective and innovative ICT communications infrastructure across the City.

A corresponding private report, detailing commercially confidential and financial aspects of this proposal, was also submitted to the meeting (Minute 135 below refers).

The WAN project's aim was to provide a longer term ICT network solution across the City to meet the Council's growing needs, reduce growing telephone and ICT line costs, and protect the Council from any future price rises. It was a complex and innovative project, which would provide substantial benefits to Council users and help to meet the increasing demands of delivering services for the City's residents.

Whilst the Primelines and UTMC projects pre-dated the decision to implement a fibre optic WAN, it was agreed that the ICT requirements of those projects, which also used the corporate network, should be brought together with the WAN.

A single Programme Board had been operating since March 2008, which had provided appropriate corporate governance to reflect both the significance of each project, and the risks associated with delivering one integrated ICT solution to satisfy collective requirements.

In addition, the WAN solution was also supporting the ICT requirements of the City Wide BID company and Coventry Best for Business (CBfB). The Cabinet noted that the CBfB Board had suspended this work until further notice. It was further noted that an additional £1m of corporate capital resources was approved in January 2009 to deliver these schemes.

The report submitted provided detailed information on the current position of each project, along with details of any ongoing issues that would need to be addressed.

Having considered the report submitted the Cabinet requested that a series of reviews be commissioned in order to establish lessons learned from all three projects.

RESOLVED that, after due consideration of the options and proposals contained in the report and matters referred to at the meeting, the Cabinet recommend that the City Council:

- (1) Endorse the updated position with regard to each individual project.**
- (2) Recognise the additional costs of the combined programme of project and approve the proposed financing arrangements detailed in**

the report.

Private Business

135. Wide Area Network, Urban Traffic Management Control and Primelines Update

Further to Minute 132/09 above, the Cabinet considered a joint report of the Director of Customer and Workforce Services, the Director of Finance & Legal Services, and the Director of Strategic Planning and Partnerships, which provided an update on the progress of three major projects - Wide Area Network 2 (WAN), Urban Traffic Management Control (UTMC) and Primelines. These projects were being managed as one overall programme so that road users, Council services and partners all benefit from a more resilient, effective and innovative ICT communications infrastructure across the City. The report contained confidential financial and contractual details relating to the proposal.

RESOLVED that, after due consideration of the options and proposals contained in the report and matters referred to at the meeting, the Cabinet recommend that the City Council:

- (1) Endorse the updated position with regard to each individual project.**
- (2) Recognise the additional costs of the combined programme of project and approve the proposed financing arrangements detailed in the report.**