

Policy and Performance (Transformation Projects) Sub Committee - 17 December 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Performance (Transformation Projects) Sub Committee held at Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD - Islington Town Hall on 17 December 2019 at 8.30 pm.

Present: **Councillors:** Bell-Bradford, Gallagher, Gantly, Jeapes and Poyser

Councillor Troy Gallagher in the Chair

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)

None

2 DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item A2)

None

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A3)

None

4 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item A4)

None as first meeting of Sub Committee

5 CHAIR'S REPORT (Item A5)

The Chair stated that as Councillor Champion had been appointed as Executive Member, Environment and Transport, she would no longer be a Member of the Sub-Committee and a replacement Member would be appointed at a later date

6 PUBLIC QUESTIONS (Item A6)

The Chair outlined the procedure for Public questions, and fire evacuation procedures

7 IT STRATEGY UPDATE (Item B1)

Jon Cummings, Interim Director IT and Strategy was also present for discussion of this item

During consideration of this item the following main points were made –

- Noted the update on the most significant projects, as outlined in the report, including the Wide Area Network upgrade (WAN)
- Noted the challenges to progressing over to the 'softphone' system, and that progress is being made
- The project aims to deploy 4500 Window 10 devices by January 2020, and replace all existing kit with new laptops by July 2020. As part of this the Project will rationalise over 100 applications used across the Council
- PSN Public Sector Network remediation is taking place, and a number of areas of non –compliance will need to be remedied. The project will be overseen by the Head of Cyber Security
- There are twenty other projects in progress, to support the changing environment. Projects that are particularly concerned with remediating technology include – SQL

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2028 in planning, Windows Server 2008 replacement, Civica Pay – migration of Card payments system from the Paris system, which is at end of life and not fully Payment Credit Industry standards

- A strategic focus is to create a Map of Strategies/Roadmaps, which will be the definition and scoping, and there will be close collaboration between IT, and the Directorates
- There will be a strong emphasis on the tactical activity necessary in order to bring the IT environment up to date, and to be compliant with the necessary Government, and cybersecurity standards. Attention is now moving more towards the more strategic and business-orientated goals, through the creation of new strategies to support a coherent, resident-focused direction of travel
- A new Digital Services organisational structure came into effect on 1 June, and recruitment has been intense with appointments being made. The leadership team has been a priority as part of this, and new leaders are joining through this period with all positions filled by mid-January. Some interim appointments have been made
- Members expressed the view that effective training needed to take place in relation to implementation of new systems to enable staff to transfer effectively onto the new systems. It was stated that there is provision in the Workplace strategy for this
- Members also expressed the view that training also needed to take place for Members, particularly in relation to Office 365 introduction and it was stated that this would be arranged

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted and training be arranged for Members at an appropriate stage, particularly in the introduction of Office 365

The Chair thanked Jon Cummings for attending

The meeting ended at 9.35 p.m.

CHAIR