

Scottish Borders Council

2 April 2015

ICT REVIEW – ITEM 20

DECISION

- (a) NOTED the content of the ICT Review report, ICT Strategy and Option Appraisal documents.**

- (b) APPROVED in principle, the ICT Strategy and the immediate next steps to implement the Strategy including:**
 - (i) the new governance structure and approval that Scottish Borders and the City of Edinburgh Councils had an interim joint Lead Officer ICT, being the current post holder at City of Edinburgh Council. This interim Lead Officer ICT would continue to lead SBC's ICT service review for the next 6 months, reporting directly to the Corporate Transformation and Services Director;**

 - (ii) a restructure of the management of the ICT service which would position the service for the future and reflect the establishment of the new Governance Structure;**

 - (iii) development of a detailed implementation plan for the ICT Strategy that would be led by the new interim Lead Officer ICT with input from all current ICT employees. This development work, in the form of a series of workshops, would consider which ICT functions delivered best value, in terms of both cost and quality of service, in house and evaluate this against the successful external provider identified in the current procurement exercise being undertaken by the City of Edinburgh Council. This was expected to result in a "mixed economy" approach to the delivery of ICT.**

- (c) AGREED:**
 - (i) a progress report on staff matters be brought to Council at its meeting on 25 June 2015;**

 - (ii) a further report on the outcome of the development work to be undertaken as the immediate next steps in delivery of the ICT Strategy and a detailed implementation plan for the new ICT Strategy be brought back to Council no later than 7 October 2015;**

- (iii) to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Political Group leaders to set up a Members' Steering Group for the review process;**
- (iv) to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to design a process to appoint a permanent Joint Chief Officer ICT from October 2015; and**
- (v) that the decision and as much detail as possible be made public after this meeting.**