

E-Government Board**Minutes of the Meeting**

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| Date | Monday 18 th October 2010 |
| Time | 10.00 am |
| Venue | Board Room, Doncaster Gate |
| Chair | Councillor Ken Wyatt (KW) |
| Minute Taker | Nicola Mitchell (NM) |

| Attendees | Initials | Directorate |
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| Jon Ashton | JA | Financial Services |
| Cllr Alan Buckley | AB | Cabinet Adviser |
| Richard Copley | RC | Financial Services |
| Sarah Corbett | SC | Chief Executive's |
| Nick Glarvey | NG | BT |
| Susan Gray | SG | CYPS |
| Paul Harris | PH | EDS |
| Shaun Johnson | SJ | RBT |
| Nick Milnes | NM | BT |
| Robert Parker | RP | Chief Executive's |
| Tracey Parkin | TP | Chief Executive's |
| Gary Walsh | GW | CYPS |

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| Jayne Dickson | JD | RBT |
| Richard Douthwaite | RD | Financial Services |
| Mark Gannon | MG | Financial Services |

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| 1. | <p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were noted as above.</p> | |
| 2. | <p><u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on 26th April 2010</u></p> <p>Introductions of all attendees were made around the table.</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p> | |
| 3. | <p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>No matters arising.</p> | |
| 4. | <p><u>Streaming Media (including Flickr)</u></p> <p>Any member of staff can be given access to streaming media at the discretion of their line manager. RC advised that RBT's current charge is £4.25 per person per month for an Internet account plus an additional £4.25 per month for streaming media.</p> | |

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| | <p>In 2009 RMBC submitted a CR to have RBT produce a proposal which would offer a cost effective way of giving all staff Internet and streaming media access. RBT issued the proposal in September 2010 and it is currently under consideration by the Council.</p> <p>KW asked for RC to bring the following information to the next board:</p> <p>The number of users with Internet access broken down to show:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The number of Internet accounts by Directorate 2) The number of Internet accounts by Directorate as a percentage of the number of computer users in that Directorate. <p>- The number of users with Streaming Media access broken down to show:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The number of Streaming Media accounts by Directorate 2) The number of Streaming Media accounts by Directorate as a percentage of the number of computer users in that Directorate. | RC |
| 5. | <p><u>VPN</u></p> <p>RC explained that in December 2009 RMBC submitted a change request to RBT to ask them to reduce VPN costs in response to budget challenges. In January 2010 RBT responded saying that they would not reduce the cost of VPN.</p> <p>This led to RMBC proposing that some VPN tokens could be shared as this would be a cheaper way of allowing staff to work remotely. eGov Board, Internal Audit and the Corporate Information Governance Group have all authorised the sharing of VPN tokens.</p> <p>GW said that his team had piloted token sharing haven't found any problems. GW's team continues to use shared tokens.</p> <p>Other Teams have put in change requests for VPN sharing but RBT have stated that they would not allow token sharing without a new commercial arrangement (i.e. increasing the price of individual tokens) which would have negated the reason for sharing; instead RBT have issued a new commercial model which seeks to remove the need for RMBC to share tokens. This new proposal was issued on September 24 2010 and it reverses RBT's previous statement that VPN price reductions were not possible.</p> <p>RC reported that the Directorates have expressed concern that the new RBT proposal does not offer improved pricing unless the number of tokens in use by the Council increases drastically (which seems unlikely given our current budget pressures and staffing reductions). Negotiations continue and it is hoped that a new VPN commercial model will be agreed very soon so Directorates can take advantage of it in the 10/11 financial year.</p> | |

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| 6. | <p><u>Joining up the RMBC and Rotherham NHS Networks</u></p> <p>The NHS and RMBC each have a secure network known as N3 and Government Connect, respectively.</p> <p>GW gave a presentation regarding a Central Government initiative to connect the N3 and Gov Connect networks. This would give both RMBC and the NHS secure access to each other's systems and data</p> <p>Several Local Authorities have already connected to their local NHS N3 networks and RMBC is beginning investigations in to the feasibility of connecting its network to Rotherham NHS. At a preliminary meeting the project was supported by representatives from RMBC and Rotherham NHS.</p> <p>The Board approved GW to begin work on establishing a business case for the project which is to be presented at future meetings of the eGovernment Board, SLT and CIGG as appropriate.</p> | GW |
| 7. | <p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p><u>Information Governance Unit (IGU)</u> – The proposal to create a central IGU was approved by SLT but has hit problems due to difficulties in identifying Directorate funding for the posts in the IGU.</p> <p><u>Corporate Governance Meeting</u> – Tuesday 26th October 2010, KW will ask the about the Information Governance Unit.</p> | KW |
| 8. | <p><u>Date Of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Monday 22nd November 2010, 11:30am, Room 4, Town Hall.</p> | |