	ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS	

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet
2.	Date:	**20th July 2011**
3.	Title:	**RMBC ICT Strategy 2011 to 2015**
4.	Directorate:	**Commissioning, Policy and Performance and Financial Services**

5. Summary

This report presents the new ICT Strategy for Rotherham Council which covers the period 2011 to 2015.

6. Recommendations

Cabinet is asked to:

- Note the successful completion on the 2008 to 2011 ICT Strategy.
- Note the reasons for creating a new ICT Strategy and the benefits that this will deliver.
- Note the consultation and ratification process that the new ICT Strategy has been subject to.
- Approve the 2011 to 2015 ICT Strategy.

7. Proposals and Details

The ICT Strategy covering the period 2008 to 2011 has been successfully completed and delivered significant improvements to ICT within Rotherham Council. The ICT Strategy covering the period 2011 to 2015 will build on these investments to support the delivery of services to our customers and ensure that the Council continues to provide value for money.

The ICT Strategy 2011 to 2015 sets out clearly where future ICT investment will be focused and the expected outcomes and benefits of that investment for a range of stakeholders, including customers, citizens, businesses, staff, Members and partners.

8. Finance

Funding will come from several sources to support the implementation of this Strategy. To ensure the most effective use of resources, the following approach will be taken:
.
- The starting point for all ICT projects will be a business case and investment plan setting out the sustainable use of investments to achieve outcomes;
- There will be a focus on proposals which achieve a number of outcomes from a single development activity;
- Joint planning and implementation of projects will be undertaken so that investments can be used in the most efficient manner; and
- Co-ordinating change, and on-going decision making around funding will be through the governance arrangements outlined in the Strategy document.

The primary source of funding for the 2011 to 2015 ICT Strategy will be the ICT Capital budget. The following table is a summary of the budget to support delivery of this ICT Strategy.

Budget Source	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	Total Forecast
Riverside House and Locality Review Budget	£1,825,000	£25,000	£0	£0	£1,850,000
Rawmarsh JSC Budget	£91,000	£0	£0	£0	£91,000
HRA Budget	£0	£250,000	£0	£0	£250,000
Computer Refresh Budget	£750,000	£750,000	£750,000	£750,000	£3,000,000
2008 to 2011 ICT Capital Budget	£1,180,078	£200,892	£0	£0	£1,380,970
2011 to 2015 ICT Capital Budget	£1,982,000	£1,670,000	£795,000	£495,000	£4,942,000
Totals	£5,828,078	£2,895,892	£1,545,000	£1,245,000	£11,513,970

Budget allocation has already been secured for Riverside House, Rawmarsh JSC, HRA investment in the Integrated Housing Management System, Computer Refresh and the 2008 to 2011 ICT Capital Budget.

Allowance has been made in the Medium Term Financial Strategy for the capital required to support the 2011 to 2015 ICT Capital Budget.

9.   Risks and Uncertainties

ICT underpins many of RMBC's activities. Carefully considered, strategic investment in technology is essential if we are to realise the efficiency savings that technology can bring and ensure that we are prepared to deliver shared services where the opportunity arises.

10.   Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The ICT Strategy supports a number of the Council's key agendas including:

- WorkSmart
- Accommodation Strategy, including the move to Riverside and the Locality Review
- Shared Services
- Customer Access

11.   Background Papers and Consultation

The 2011 to 2015 ICT Strategy has been produced in consultation and collaboration with all Directorate ICT Champions and the Property Environmental Manager.

The Strategy is aligned with other key ICT strategies nationally; is consistent with the Central Government ICT Strategy and the Strategy for ICT-enabled Local Public Services Reform developed by SOCITM (Society of IT Managers).

The Strategy has been approved by the Corporate ICT and Information Governance Board and the Strategic Leadership Team.

Contact Name(s):

Richard Copley, ICT Strategy and Client Coordinator, x54525
richard.copley@rotherham.gov.uk