

## **EX91. MOBILE WORKING**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services detailing a project to introduce mobile and flexible working throughout the Council.

The Executive agreed a technology strategy on 18 March 2014 (ref EX138) which set out the need for a secure approach to mobile and flexible working. A project to consider and test technology which would provide flexible and collaborative working was set out.

The report summarised the concept of mobile and flexible working - where work is considered an activity rather than place - summarised its benefits and set out the estimated costs and timescale for the roll out of the project.

It was anticipated that the project would deliver practical benefits including:-

- freeing staff from deskbound working;
- the reduction of current fixed and allocated workstations across the estate thereby allowing rationalisation of the Council's property portfolio;
- an improvement in the costs of and efficiency of working practices;
- the sharing of working practices across Services; and
- the delivery of services within a Public Sector Network (PSN) compliant environment.

In addition it was anticipated that financial benefits would be realised:-

- by providing virtual desktop infrastructure;
- through the administration of IT through servers and by centralising the resolution of IT issues;
- through management of the procurement of software and application licencing;
- by reducing back office overhead costs; and
- through the rationalisation of assets.

It was estimated that the cost of the project would be £1,770,000. The report summarised the elements contributing to this, highlighting the project management issues and risks associated with delivering the project together with a timetable for project delivery.

### **Decision**

**The Executive agreed:-**

- (1) to note the content of the report;**
- (2) that the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services will take forward the project in accordance with the proposed works detailed in paragraph 4 of the report; and**
- (3) to note that any contracts awarded will be in full compliance with Contract Standing Orders.**

