

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Resources Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel
MEETING DATE:	14 May 2012
TITLE:	Emerging ICT Strategy
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NB There will be a presentation to update the panel	

1. INTRODUCTION

- A presentation will be provided at the meeting setting out progress in developing a new ICT strategy for the Council.

2. BACKGROUND

- The Council's new Vision & Values (which will become part of a new Corporate Plan) and its Change Programme provide the background to the strategy:
 - Savings targets and requirements for more efficiencies
 - Changes to workplaces also associated with flexible and mobile working
 - Carbon reduction targets
 - Customer Services changes
 - Partnership working including emerging health commissioning roles
 - Community engagement and localism
 - Information transparency as increasingly advocated by Government
- The strategy is being drafted and the target is for it to be finalised this summer.
- The strategy does not deal with who provides the service but instead what should be provided and creates an approach, an architecture and way of working. It will also generate an investment plan.

3. SCOPE AND ISSUES

- The presentation will set out:
 - The aims of the strategy
 - Progress to date
 - Issues and choices
 - Examples of what will be different

- In developing the strategy a series of engagements are taking place:
 - Elected members including through this PDS meeting
 - Senior managers
 - Leaders of change programme strands
 - Neighbouring and similar Local Authorities
 - Independent ICT advisers
 - Local Government Delivery Council
 - The Council's existing ICT delivery partner

- Further details are enclosed in Appendix 1.

4. RECOMMENDATION

The panel will be asked to comment on the presentation and in particular the aims of the strategy as well as the progress to date.

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Background papers	Council's new Vision and Values – Council Agenda 10 May 2012 Budget Report – Council Agenda – February 2012 (references to savings targets and also summary of the change programme)
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