

RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY
(as a result of the Cabinet meeting on 24 March 2020 being cancelled
due to Covid-19 situation)

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

Any interest to declare/ or conflict and any dispensation granted *[if applicable]*

SERVICE DIRECTORATE: Customers

1. DECISION TAKEN

In respect of the Cabinet Agenda – 24 March 2020 – Item 16 – Information Technology Strategy 2020 - 2025

- (1) That the I.T. Strategy 2020 – 2025 be adopted
- (2) That authority to make amendments to the Strategy in light of changing technology or business requirements be delegated to the Service Director – Customers in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance & IT.

2. DECISION TAKER

The Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

3 April 2020

4. REASON FOR DECISION

The Cabinet meeting on 24 March 2020 was cancelled due to the Covid-19 situation.

To enable the Council to move forward with its planning for IT development and expenditure over the next five years.

To ensure the Service is modern, fit for purpose and able to adapt to and support the ever-changing software solutions, and hardware that service departments are required to use.

To prioritise the work on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Robotic Process Automation (RPA) to improve the service to customers and make efficiencies.

To ensure the IT Infrastructure has the highest levels of security to ensure it is protected against the ever-increasing Cyber and Virus Security threats.

5. CONSULTATION WITH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Consultation including the effect on stakeholders, partners and the public is contained within the report published with the Cabinet agenda for the meeting on 24 March 2020.

Given the current Covid-19 situation and government advice regarding gatherings, the meeting of the Cabinet was not possible. Therefore, the Cabinet Members were requested to provide an indication as to how they would have voted and any comments as to guide the decision maker.

By the prescribed deadline 8 votes were cast in favour of the recommendation.

The following Members of Cabinet voted:

- Councillor Ian Albert
- Councillor Judi Billing
- Councillor Paul Clark
- Councillor Elizabeth Dennis-Harburg
- Councillor Gary Grindal
- Councillor Keith Hoskins
- Councillor Steve Jarvis
- Councillor Martin Stears-Handscomb

There were no comments made by Members.

6. SUPPORTING REPORT

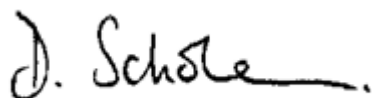
Other information relevant to the decision, such as legal, financial, risk, social value and equality implications, is contained within the report published as Item 16 within the Cabinet agenda for the meeting on 24 March 2020 via link below:

<https://democracy.north-herts.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=133&MId=2200&Ver=4>

NOTIFICATION DATE

3 April 2020

Signature of Decision Taker



Call-in does not apply to NON-EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

In respect of Executive Decisions, as per section 6.3.11(b) of the Constitution 'Call-In and Urgency', the call-in procedure does not apply when the decision being taken is urgent. For the purposes of the current Coronavirus pandemic, this decision is considered to be urgent (as normal meetings and the decision-making process has been suspended). The Chair of Council has been informed and agrees that the decision is a reasonable one in the circumstances and is to be treated as a matter of urgency.