

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 22 FEBRUARY 2001

**2001 / 02 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME**

Report by Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to propose the Information Technology Capital Expenditure Programme for 2001 / 02.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At Policy and Resources Committee of 14 February 2001, Members requested the Director of Corporate Resources to bring forward a detailed Capital Programme for 2001 / 02 proposing the utilisation of funds in respect of IT Capital expenditure. This report makes expenditure proposals in respect of the allocated funds.

3 PROPOSED EXPENDITURE

- 3.1 The following schemes have been identified for expenditure in 2001 / 02 with the sums allocated as follows :

Infrastructure and Telephony	:	£ 170,000
Corporate and Departmental Schemes	:	£ 378,000
<u>Total</u>	:	£ <u>548,000</u>

- 3.2 Based upon the prioritisation of individual project requirements, established through discussions at the Information Systems Steering Group, a detailed programme has been developed and this is attached as Appendix 1 of this Report.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The proposed IT Capital Expenditure Programme will be contained within the overall available levels of funding.

5.0 LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** These proposals support the development and implementation of the Council's new financial management system, and assist in the development of the overall Corporate IT Strategy.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1** The Policy and Resources Committee is asked to approve the proposed IT capital expenditure programme for 2001/02 as detailed in Appendix 1.

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15 February 2001

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.

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APPENDIX 1

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME

1 Infrastructure and Telephony

1.1 Upgrade London Road Centre Data Switches

Provision is made to cover the cost of upgrading the existing main data network switches within London Road Centre.

This is required to increase the number of available data and telephony outlets, to increase data throughput, and to improve network efficiency within London Road Centre.

1.2 Additional Data Hub Units

Provision is made to cover the cost of installing additional data network switches within the Council's main offices, which will serve to increase data throughput, and to improve network efficiency for data network users.

1.3 London Road Centre / Civic Centre Office Fibre Connection

Provision is made to cover the cost of installing a fibre network data link between the Council's London Road Centre and Civic Centre Office, which will serve to increase data throughput, and to improve network efficiency for data network users.

1.4 Upgrade Lugar Office Telephony Switch

Provision is made to cover the cost of upgrading the existing telephone exchange within the Council's Lugar Office.

This is required to provide additional capacity for the increased number of telephone users within the Lugar complex.

2 Corporate and Departmental Schemes

2.1 Internet E.Mail Server

Provision is made to cover the cost of installing an additional Internet Electronic Mail Server.

This is required to provide additional capacity for electronic mail transmissions into and out of the Council, and as such will support the Council's objective of addressing the requirements of the Scottish Executive's Electronic Government initiative.

2.2 Greenholm Street Office Server Replacement

Provision is made to cover the cost of replacing the current Greenholm Street Office File Server hardware.

This is required to provide increased electronic storage capacity and to improve systems performance for users within Greenholm Street Office.

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2.4 E.Commerce / Web Enablement of Applications

Provision is made to cover the cost of analysing the Council's requirements for the Web enablement of existing software applications in support of the Scottish Executive's Electronic Government initiative.

2.5 Intranet Systems Contingency

Provision is made to cover the cost of providing essential contingency for the Council's Intranet system, which will serve as first line back-up in the event of failure of the main system hardware.

2.6 Consolidated Revenues / Benefits System

Provision is made to cover the cost of implementing a consolidated Revenues and Benefits system as an extension to the existing Council Tax system, and which will replace the existing ex-District Council Benefits system.

This is required to ensure continued suppliers support and to simplify the interface between the Benefits and Council Tax systems thereby improving usability of the combined application.

2.7 Finance Systems Replacement

Provision is made to cover the cost of completing the project to replace the Council's inherited Financial management systems (Ledger, Cash Receipting, Debtors, Creditors,

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Commitment Accounting, etc).

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