RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE DECISION MADE BY A CABINET MEMBER

Decision Maker	Decision Type	Date
Cllr Jabbar	Key Decision	12th February 2020

Decision (s)

Exempt/Confidential Report		No
Key Decision	Yes	

Reasons for the decision(s)

To invest in building a Disaster Recover technical capability.

Options/Alternatives considered

1. Do Nothing and accept the risk of a disaster causing a protracted outage with service areas relying on manual processes for their BCPs.
2. Fund the enablement and Agresso hosting costs from the ICT Capital fund (£100k); The first-year revenue cost will be meet from within the compliance revenue budget with the ongoing cost to be found from within existing resources.
3. Build a provision in an alternative, suitable data centre and create the Disaster Recovery Service ourselves. This would be significantly more expensive

Conflict of Interest declared

None

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Cllr Jabbar

Deputy Leader / Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Services

In consultation with

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Helen Lockwood

Deputy Chief Executive

Decision made pursuant to:

a) Delegation to Cabinet Member under the Council's scheme of delegation. Contract £100,000 - £400,000 and Key decisions.

Delegated Cabinet Member Decision
(Contract Award 100k -250k)
Report

Decision Maker and Portfolio area:	Helen Lockwood, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Date of Decision:	20th January 2020
Subject:	Disaster Recovery Capability
Report Author:	Richard Holt
Ward(s) Affected:	Affects all wards, consultation not required

Reason for the decision:

To invest in building a Disaster Recover technical capability.

Summary:

As Oldham Council and its subsidiaries become more Digital there is growing need for a Disaster Recovery (DR) capability. This would allow for critical systems to be made available shortly after a disaster occurring that effects the council's datacentre. This paper recommends a value for money DR solution that would enable service areas to improve their Business Continuity Plans.

What are the alternative option(s) to be considered? Please give the reason(s) for recommendation(s):

Options

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Recommendation(s):

In consultation with the ICT Strategic Investments Board, the recommended option is **option two.** To allocate £100k from the ICT Capital Programme to fund enabling the service and to embed £70k of revenue for future years.

Implications:

*What are the **financial** implications?*

Revenue Implications
5.1 Provision exists within 2020/21 ICT budget for ongoing revenue implications of Disaster Recovery. This is expected to be £70k per annum.
Nicola Harrop, Finance Manager

Capital Implications
Provision exists within the 2019/20 - 2023/24 capital programme to support necessary investments in ICT systems.

2019/20	TOTAL
£100,000	£100,000

Jit Kara, Senior Accountant

What are the *ICT* implications?

This investment is part of the Council ICT Strategy and is being delivered by Unity Partnership ICT.
Chris Petrie, Head of ICT, Unity Partnership

What are the ***procurement*** implications?

This capability is being created and implemented under the existing Microsoft Agreement.
Steve Boyd, Commissioning and Procurement

*What are the **legal** implications?*

There are no legal issues arising from this report.
Colin Brittain, Assistant Borough Solicitor

*What are the **Human Resources** implications?*

Not applicable

***Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment** attached or not required because (please give reason)*

Not applicable

*What are the **property** implications*	Not applicable
Risks:	This investment is welcomed as an enabler to improving corporate resilience.
	Mark Stenson, Head of Corporate Governance
Co-operative agenda	This proposal supports the delivery of Co-operative Services by ensuring that priority services can be quickly re-established following a potential disaster. This proposal is also aligned to the Digital Strategy by making our services more effective through improved resilience.
	Fran Lautman, Customer Development Manager

Has the relevant Legal Officer confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution?	Yes
Has the relevant Finance Officer confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget?	Yes
Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council?	No

There are no background papers for this report

Report Author Sign-off:	
Richard Holt	Chief Technology Officer
Date: 20 January 2020	

In consultation with

Helen Lockwood
Deputy Chief Executive   _____ Date:_____