PART A - Report to CABINET

Local Area Network (LAN) Refresh Programme

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Reason for Decision

The purpose of this report is to obtain capital funding to enable the Local Area Network (LAN) Refresh Programme to modernise, standardise and rationalise the Council's Local Area Network (LAN) infrastructure across all in-scope sites.

Additional information can be found in PART B of this report.

Executive Summary

A review of the existing LAN infrastructure has identified a requirement to refresh network equipment across operational sites.

The proposed programme will:

- Replace ageing infrastructure.
- Improve service reliability and resilience.
- Reduce operational risk.
- Ensure the network can continue to support business services and future digital initiatives

Leader's Consultative Session **30th November 2026**
Pre-Decision Governance, Strategy & Resources Scrutiny **19th November 2026**

Local Area Network (LAN) Refresh Programme

1 Background

1.1 The purpose of the LAN Refresh Programme is to modernise, standardise and rationalise the Council's Local Area Network (LAN) infrastructure across all in-scope sites.

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2 Current Position

2.1 A review of the Council's network infrastructure has identified equipment that is approaching the end of its supported lifecycle.
This creates operational risks associated with resilience, supportability, reliability and future service requirements.
Replacing this infrastructure will improve service stability and reduce operational risk.

3 Options/Alternatives

3.1 Option 1 – Do Nothing

This option would retain existing infrastructure and associated operational risks.

Option 2 – Proceed with the LAN Refresh Programme
This option would replace ageing infrastructure and improve reliability, resilience and service supportability.

4 Preferred Option

4.1 Approval of Option 2.
The programme will modernise and standardise network infrastructure by replacing ageing equipment and implementing a supportable network design.

5 Consultation

5.1 No consultation required

6 Financial Implications

This information is contained in PART B of this report

7 Legal Implications

7.1 This information is contained in PART B of this report

8. Procurement Implications

8.1 This information is contained in PART B of this report

9 Equality Impact, including implications for Children and Young People

9.1 None

10 Key Decision

10.1 Yes

11 Key Decision Reference

11.1 KDD-26-28

12 Background Papers

12.1 None

13 Appendices

13.1 None