

REPORT TO CABINET

REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONAL SERVICES

REPORT NO: DOS 283

DATE: 6th JUNE 2005

TITLE:	IMPLEMENTING ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT RETURN 4
FORWARD PLAN ITEM:	E-GOVERNMENT
DATE WHEN FIRST APPEARED IN FORWARD PLAN:	16 July 2004
KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:	No
COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:	Access Cllr Paul Carpenter – Technology Portfolio Holder
CORPORATE PRIORITY:	ACCESS TO SERVICES
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:	None
BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Implementing Electronic Government Statement 1 Implementing Electronic Government Statement 2 Implementing Electronic Government Return 3 Implementing Electronic Government Return 4

INTRODUCTION

1. The Council is required to submit an Implementing e-Government Return annually to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. This year, the ODPM has required all authorities to submit an interim return, IEG4.5. The Return must be submitted on-line through the ESD web site to the ODPM no later than 18th July 2005.

RECOMMENDATION

2. The Cabinet is asked to recommend to Full Council on 23rd June 2005 that the IEG4.5 Return be supported.

DETAILS OF REPORT

3. The draft IEG4.5 is attached for consideration. The format of the IEG4.5 is prescribed by the ODPM and is intended to standardise the interim returns. The intention of the ODPM is to enable national benchmarking as well as measuring our achievement against target as we work towards full implementation of e-government required priorities by December 2005.

4. A new section within IEG4 is to demonstrate the efficiency savings that will be achieved in both cash (cash savings) and non cash (quality benefits) terms. This is an important section of the Return which is required to justify the corporate investment in local e-government. For this return indicative figures have been submitted based on proposals to introduce the e-government agenda. It is proposed to introduce robust data gathering methods where e-government is introduced to ensure that the efficiency savings can be captured.

5. The Council has received the sum of £400,000 through IEG submissions to date. ODPM acceptance of the previous return enabled the Council to access a further £150,000.

COMMENTS OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND STRATEGIC RESOURCES

6. The IEG4.5 Return, if approved, supports our e-government agenda.

COMMENTS OF CORPORATE MANAGER, DEMOCRATIC AND LEGAL SERVICES (MONITORING OFFICER)

7. No specific comments.

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