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ICT Hardware Capital Expenditure

Finance & Resources Committee

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Agenda Item:

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Submitted By: Director of Service Support

- Purpose** To seek approval for the ICT hardware replacement programme 2019/20.
- Recommendations** That Members approve the purchase of ICT hardware as outlined in this report.
- Summary** Each year a proportion of the ICT hardware in use around the organisation is replaced due to reaching end of life. The focus for 2019/20 is to replace a large proportion of our laptops, many of which are over five years old. This report provides further detail of the replacement plan and seeks approval for the capital expenditure for the replacement.

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Exemption Category: None

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Background papers open to inspection: None

Annexes: None

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Fire Authority approved the draft 2019/20 Capital Programme on 21 February 2019. This report highlights the replacement computer hardware element of that report hardware needing replacement within the financial year 2019/2020.

2 Information

- 2.1 The use of laptops is increasing across the Authority as roles become increasingly mobile. This has led to a need to ensure that we have a more standard and consistent approach to laptop provision along with standardisation of the docking stations. This approach means that staff with laptops can work more effectively from any location.
- 2.2 Many of the laptops currently in use are over five years old and performance and battery life is significantly reduced. In addition to this, Windows 10 will be rolled out this year before Windows 7 goes out of support in 2020 and some of our existing hardware will not be suitable to migrate to Windows 10 due to its age.
- 2.3 The capital for 2019/20 will be used to replace 110 laptops - 60 laptops would be for Flexi Duty System (FDS) officers and senior managers and include docking stations, stylus and adapters for connecting to presentation equipment. These laptops will be tailored to the multiple roles that FDS officers undertake such as command support and National Inter-agency Liaison Officer (NILO). The remaining 50 laptops will be for more standard roles.
- 2.4 ICT have been working with procurement on the options for purchasing the hardware and will be utilising an NHS framework which will offer the best value for money.

3 Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are sufficient resources allocated in the capital plan for 2019/20 for the replacement of computer hardware.

4 Legal Implications

- 4.1 The Chief Legal & Governance Officer has considered this report and has no observations to make at the time of submission of this report but may provide legal advice at the committee meeting and/or respond to any requests by members for legal advice made at the meeting.

5 Human Resource and Diversity Implications

- 5.1 The government framework incorporates equality and fairness implications between suppliers and customers. Equality Analysis is undertaken as part of every project.

6 Health and Safety Implications

- 6.1 Health and safety and in particular, DSE requirements are taken into account as part of the replacement programme.

7 Your Fire and Rescue Service priorities

7.1 This scheme is linked to the Authority main strategic objectives by

- enabling us to work smarter throughout the service and
- making better use of technology and innovate where possible

8 Conclusions

8.1 That Members approve the capital expenditure for the replacement of computer hardware for 2019/20 as outlined in this report.