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Exempt - Cabinet Report - ICT Contract

The Chief of Staff and Monitoring Officer presented the report, supported by the Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer and the ICT Manager. The Panel was advised of the proposals for the final phase of the ICT improvement programme and the arrangements for supporting the continued development of the Council's ICT service.

In response to questions from Members, the ICT Manager and the Chief of Staff and Monitoring Officer provided information on the approach being taken to ensure continuity of service, strengthen operational resilience and support the transfer of responsibilities to the Council's internal ICT team. Clarification was also provided on workforce planning, recruitment and retention, knowledge transfer arrangements and measures to reduce reliance on external support over time.

The Panel discussed cyber security, staff and Member awareness training, and the importance of maintaining appropriate safeguards and resilience within the Council's ICT environment. Members also sought assurance regarding future planning and the Council's approach to ensuring that ICT services continued to support organisational priorities and evolving business requirements.

Officers outlined the progress made through the wider improvement programme and explained how the proposed arrangements would support the continued development and modernisation of ICT services whilst maintaining service stability during the transition period.

The Panel received assurances on the measures being implemented to support operational resilience, organisational capacity and the continued development of ICT services across the Council.

RESOLVED: The Panel supported the recommendations to Cabinet.

Cabinet Resolves to:

1. Note the progress made through the ICT Transformation Programme delivered in partnership with Entec Si.
2. Note the achievements delivered to date and the benefits realised through the programme.
3. Approve the continuation of Entec Si's delivery of core ICT infrastructure and transformation projects through to 31 March 2027.

4. Authorise the award of the associated contract to Entec Si through the appropriate procurement framework and in accordance with the Council's Contract Standing Orders and Procurement Regulations.

5. Delegate authority to the Chief of Staff in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Transport Strategy & Car Parking, to finalise and enter into the contract.