

**DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE AUTHORITY**

(Item 28 of the delegated powers given to the Chief Executive and Strategic Directors)

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<b>To:</b> Portfolio Holder for consent  Opposition Representatives for noting	<b>Name:</b> Cllr R Price  Cllr J Goddard Cllr M Woodin	

**What decision needs to be taken?**

Acceptance of Indicative proposals for development of an e-Government Strategy, to form part of the Council's policy framework. This will take the form of an Implementing Electronic Government Statement 2 (IEG2). This report appears in the Forward Plan for Executive Board on 30 September.

**What are the reasons for the decision?**

IEG2 is the means by which we are able to bid for a second capital grant of £200,000 for the development of e-government work. This must be submitted to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) by 31 October 2002.

**Why is it in the best interests of the Authority?**

The Government have set all local authorities the target of having 100% of those services that can be delivered by electronic means enabled to do so by the end of 2005. The aim is to provide *better access to improved services* by exploiting the power of information and communications technologies to help transform the accessibility, cost-effectiveness and quality of public services.

To do this will require significant organisational and cultural change as well as adopting new technologies. The IEG grant will make a major contribution to our ability to resource this work.

**What alternative courses of action have been considered and why were they not taken?**

The IEG2 statement must be approved by Council prior to submission to ODPM at the end of October.

In order to allow a 4 week period for consultation before the deadline for submission of papers to Council for approval on 14 October, these indicative proposals must be approved before the 5 September.

Ideally the Indicative proposals would be the subject of a report to Executive Board; it is not possible for this deadline to be met through that route.

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Kathryn Latter

**by:**  
Wednesday 28 August 2002

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Signed by Director

*Mark Luntley*

Date:

*29 August 2002*