

Report to Executive Board – 30th November 2004

**Remote and Mobile Working Infrastructure Project –
Supplementary Report**

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<p>SUMMARY</p> <p>The Council vision states, “We will develop a service culture which is open and responsive to the needs of our customers. We will ensure that all our customers can access our services easily and on equal terms.” On 22 September 2003, the Executive Board agreed a strategy to improve the quality of customer care provided by Oxford City Council.</p> <p>At the heart of the strategy is a commitment to give customers more choice about how they access Council services, in particular by harnessing the possibilities opened up by the e-Government agenda.</p> <p>The approval of the Implementing e-Government (IEG) funds has already been gained from Executive Board on 6th August 2004. On 24th May 2004 Executive Board allocated part of the Building Control Reserve fund for the provision of a mobile working project. Approval from Executive Board to spend this allocated fund is now sought.</p>	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Executive Board is asked to agree that the allocated funds may be used for the purpose of the Major Project Approval already granted on 6th August 2004 (minute 69).

BACKGROUND

Executive Board has allocated the funds from the Building Control reserve fund to the Remote and Mobile Working Infrastructure Project on 24th May 2004. The report submitted to Executive Board on 6th August 2004 should have made particular reference the following spend.

Revenue Costs

Project/Costs	2004/5	2005/6	Total
	94,000	106,000	200,000
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These costs comprise IT consultancy services and mobile data subscriptions. These costs are key elements for the provision of a wireless solution for Building Control.

The ongoing costs for the Remote and Mobile Working Infrastructure project are detailed in the report approved by Executive Board on 6th August 2004.

Consent is therefore sought from Executive Board to allocate the Building Control funds. This formalises the decision already made by Executive Board on 24th May 2004.

THIS REPORT HAS BEEN SEEN AND APPROVED BY:

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Background Papers: None