"Project Mandate"

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Subject:
Windows server migrations

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1   Purpose of report

To seek the release of capital funds to contribute to works required to migrate the Windows server operating systems from 2008 to 2016 and maintain a supported infrastructure.

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2   Recommendations

To provide £13,500 in capital funds to contribute to the ICT Windows server migrations

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3   Background

The existing Windows 2008 server estate used to provide services for MBC will be end of life and ineligible for support and maintenance and patching by Microsoft in January 2020. As such a programme to migrate the underlying and supporting operating system infrastructure will need to be implemented in order to allow on going support and maintenance, patching and continue to provide a robust and reliable platform for third party application providers.

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4   Legal, financial and IT implications (please identity any system admin responsibilities)

The council needs to ensure it takes adequate measures to ensure the Windows server technology is maintained within the window of support from the supplier (Microsoft). IT implications will result if unpatched and unsupported operating systems are not replaced – affecting security compliance as well as the ability to host applications from other third parties.

5   Initial Assessment of risk

There is a high risk in relation to both the risk and the likelihood of a potentially damaging security event if sufficient investment is not made available to maintain an up to date server infrastructure.
Failure to keep pace with maintained operating systems will result in a greater likelihood of service interruption as a consequence.

6   Equalities and diversity and staffing implications

NA