"Project Mandate"

Melton Borough Council

Appendix E

Agenda item number: Date of issue:

Meeting:

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Service: ICT

Status: First Draft

Subject: Network Refresh

1 Purpose of report

To seek the release of capital funds to contribute to works required to maintain a supported network infrastructure

2 Recommendations

To provide £11,000 in capital funds to contribute to the ICT security improvements

3 Background

Several switches within the estate will be end of life in the next financial period and will no longer receive security or software updates from the hardware vendor. A review will be taken to advise on the replacement of end of life switches / network devices in order to maintain the integrity of the LICTP network and hosted data – as such a rolling replacement programme will need to be initiated over the coming 5 years.

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

The council needs to ensure it takes adequate measures to ensure the network infrastructure is maintained within the window of support from the technology suppliers. IT implications will result if unpatched and unsupported network solutions are not replaced – affecting security compliance as well as the ability to transport data reliably across the LICTP.



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 network infrastructure.
 Failure to keep pace with maintained network devices will result in a greater likelihood of service interruption as a consequence.

Equalities and diversity and staffing implications NA