

## Recommendations from the Executive – 24 March 2022

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### IT STRATEGY 2022/3 TO 2026/7

The Executive reviewed the proposals set out in the IT Strategy 2022/23 to 2026/27 report and Annex 1.

Executive Member for Corporate Policy and Resources, Councillor Lewanski, introduced the item. ICT is critical to the efficient and effective strategy of all Council services. A strategic review had been carried out to undertake a step change in IT provision and meet new challenges to enable Council services to continue to deliver statutory responsibilities and Corporate Plan objectives.

The IT Strategy, reviewed every five years, covered six areas. The highest priority was improvements to disaster recovery capability, improvements to cyber defences and replacement of the Council's telephony infrastructure. One-off project and implementation costs will be funded through the IT Strategy Reserve of £700,000 agreed as part of the Budget-setting process for 2022/23.

It was noted that the Council had received £100,000 Central Government grant to assist with this work. Although RBBC was not a specific target, the recent invasion of Ukraine had accelerated the need to improve cyber-security across local authorities and public sector generally.

The Leader noted that any further expenditure on any other parts of the strategy will be subject to a full business case. The strategy had been considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 17 March with no formal observations and recommendations to Executive.

It was agreed that the Strategy go forward to Council for approval.

#### **RESOLVED:**

#### **That the Executive:**

- 1. Endorses the proposals set out in the IT Strategy 2022/23 to 2026/27 at Annex 1.**
- 2. Recommends the IT Strategy for approval by Council.**