

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE CABINET

### EXTENSION OF ICT DATA NETWORK

1. We considered a report of the Head of Public Space Services on the need for additional cabling work and extension of the Council's ICT network by the provision of a Service Centre on the Portland Street car park. The works were deemed essential in order to remove the risk of failure of the network and to provide a facility for the continuation of the Council's business in emergency situations in line with the Business Continuity Plan.
2. The Executive Cabinet has approved the award of the contract for those works to specialist contractors, Cedar Contract Services.
3. In addition to the contract works to be undertaken by Cedar Contract Services, there are further ICT related costs that will require to be incurred, together with internal staff recharge costs. In total, a budget provision of £68,040 is required.
4. The Director of Finance informs us that provision for the staff costs has been made elsewhere in the 2005/06 budget, and we have been assured that the additional costs can be financed from unallocated resources.
5. We supported the Officers' proposals to safeguard the Council's business continuity arrangements and, accordingly, recommend the increase of the relevant Capital Programme provision.

#### Recommendation

6. The Council is recommended to approve the increase of the 2005/06 Capital Programme provision for the additional cabling work and extension of the Council's ICT network to £68,040.

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