

Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 10 July 2007

Subject: Webcasting Pilot

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

- (1) To receive a progress report on the Webcasting Pilot;
- (2) To note the need for detailed consideration of the webcasting pilot review report;
- (3) To consider the following options to facilitate recommendation (2) namely:
 - (i) To convene a special meeting of this committee prior to the August meeting; or
 - (ii) To convene a further meeting of the Finance and Performance Management Panel; or
 - (iii) Appoint a Special Panel to consider the issue and report back to the Committee at its next meeting.

Report:

1. Members last received a report on the Webcasting Pilot in November 2006 when the matter was considered by the ICT and Customer Services Standing Panel. At that time the contract was extended to 31 March 2008 and a further evaluation was requested in July 2007.
2. Members will need to decide whether to continue the project further based upon a Pilot Review Report currently in preparation. In any event Cabinet approval for future action will be required at an early point to decide on contractual issues/tendering and any funding bid should members be minded to continue past 31 March 2008.
3. Options detailed in recommendation (3) indicate ways of facilitating this review, the aim of which would be to be in a position to recommend a way forward to the Cabinet in September 2007. The Portfolio Holder must be included in any review mechanism.
4. Simon Hill, the Webcasting Project Manager will be attendance at the meeting to update members on the pilot and answer any questions. The Committee is asked to consider the options accordingly.