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Subject:	ICT Budget Bids		
Report by:	Director of Resources		
Other Officers Involved	ICT Strategy Group		
Director	Director of Resources		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor A. Hodkin, Portfolio Holder for Resources		

### RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

STRATEGIC ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT – to continually improve the efficiency and effectiveness of all Council Services by maximising the potential use of Council resources.

### TARGETS

None.

### VALUE FOR MONEY

The Budget Process challenges existing spending levels and new spending proposals to ensure that resources are effectively used and directed towards the delivery of the Corporate Aims.

1. This report summarises the recommendations arising from the ICT Strategy Group following a review of business cases submitted in support of budget bid applications.
2. The ICT Strategy Group met on 25<sup>th</sup> January to consider the ICT bids.
3. The results of that consideration are shown in the table below:

Description	Funding request	Alternative options	Benefits
Payment Card Industry (PCI) and	£40,617 one off	To stop offering customers the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased security of</li> </ul>

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<p><b>e-payments.</b> Currently this system is hosted in house. To meet PCI requirements it should be hosted by the software supplier.</p>	<p>and extra £8,265 on top of existing costs of £14,155 making £22,420 recurring</p>	<p>functionality of being able to pay by debit card, whether online or at the Council offices</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• payments</li> <li>• Improved service for customers</li> <li>• Reduction in bank charges</li> </ul>
<p><b>Additional Storage capacity.</b> New systems such as mobile working, electoral registration, Intranet and the new security systems required for CoCo have meant that the storage area network (SAN) no longer has enough capacity to cover all applications.</p>	<p>£14,000 one off and £1,000 recurring</p>	<p>Do nothing, this would mean that key business applications cannot be migrated to the disaster recovery infrastructure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensure that all applications are covered by the disaster recovery arrangements</li> </ul>
<p><b>P.C. replacement.</b> Currently 34 of the Council PCs are more than seven years old, 178 are more than six years old</p>	<p>£18,590 one off</p>	<p>Do nothing, this means that the oldest PCs will not be able to be upgraded to current versions of software</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increased capacity</li> <li>▪ Speed of access</li> </ul>
<p><b>Members IT provision.</b> The options linked to the joint ICT provision are being considered and will be reported during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2011/12</p>	<p>Not yet known. Balance of reserve to be retained for this.</p>	<p>Various IT options will be reported. A return to printed documents / postage etc would also have costs associated with it.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Potential for consistency across the Councils.</li> </ul>

4. Having considered the bids the ICT Group approved these items. This is the next stage in the process for these items to be reported to the Executive for approval.

### **IMPLICATIONS**

Financial:

<b>Business Case</b>	<b>Capital Cost – from Reserve</b>	<b>Ongoing Budget Implications</b>
PCI and E-payments	£40,617	£8,265
Additional storage capacity	£14,000	£1,000
PC replacement	£18,590	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£73,207</b>	<b>£9,265</b>

Funding available is £75,250 for 2011/12 and there remains a balance from 2010/11 of £5,940, totalling £81,190. Therefore there are sufficient funds in the ICT and Office Equipment reserve to cover the capital cost of £73,207. The balance on the Reserve will be considered for use against any requirements associated with Members IT provision that will be reported later in the year.

Legal: None  
Human Resources: None

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the ICT capital bids detailed above be approved and financed from the ICT and Office Equipment Reserve.**

### **REASON FOR DECISION TO BE GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION**

In order to allocate funds from the ICT reserve.

ATTACHMENTS: No  
FILE REFERENCE: None  
SOURCE DOCUMENT: Background papers held in ICT Services.