

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 9TH MARCH 2010

Report of the Acting Director of Programmes and Resources

ITEM 7 OFF-SITE STORAGE OF COMPUTER DATA – FEEDBACK ON COMMENT TO CABINET

Purpose of Report

To inform the Committee of the Cabinet's response to the comments made by the Committee in respect of the off-site storage of computer data at its last meeting on 1st December 2009.

The Committee's comment was as follows:

2. that in respect of the Business Continuity Audit and the audit recommendation that arrangements be put in place for the storage of computer data to be off-site, **the Cabinet be informed** that the Committee is concerned that the recommendation has not yet been implemented and asks that the Cabinet considers that position.

Reason

2. The Committee considers that the Council is at unnecessary risk in terms of Business Continuity as a result of this recommendation not yet being implemented, highlighted by recent examples of councils losing on-site information through fire. There are other Council-owned buildings near to the Council offices which might be used for this purpose, such that the likely cost of implementing the recommendation should not be prohibitive.

The Cabinet considered the matter at its meeting on 17th December 2009 and resolved as follows:

“124. OFF-SITE COMPUTER DATA STORAGE

A report of the Audit Committee, setting out a recommendation in respect of off-site computer data storage, was submitted (item 6 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Chief Executive advised Cabinet that progress had been made on this issue, since the Audit Committee considered the matter. He informed Cabinet that from 7th December 2009, arrangements had been made for off-site storage of computer data at North West Leicestershire District Council's offices.

RESOLVED

1. that the Audit Committee be thanked for highlighting that recommendations in respect of the Business Continuity Audit and the storage of computer data off-site had not been implemented; and
2. that progress with implementation, as set out by the Chief Executive, be noted.

Reasons

1. To acknowledge that the work of the Audit Committee in this respect was valued.
2. Following this issue being highlighted, suitable action had been taken to address the concerns raised by the Audit Committee.”

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