

COUNCIL
25 JULY 2019

Report of the Head of Corporate Services

REFERRED ITEMS

SUMMARY

To consider recommendations made by the Community and Environment Committee on 26 June 2019 and the Governance & Resources Committee, on 11 July 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the recommendation of the Community and Environment Committee on 26 June that, in relation to the Derbyshire Dales Economic Plan, the revised expenditure plan and its financing from the Economic Development Reserve, as reported to that Committee, be approved.
2. That a recommendation from the Governance and Resources Committee on 11 July that the cost of Microsoft Exchange software, estimated at £17,000, be included within the capital programme for 2019/20, be approved

WARDS AFFECTED

All

STRATEGIC LINK

1. Economic development is highlighted in the Corporate Plan 2015-2019 as the District Council's highest priority. *Business growth and job creation* is the top priority, following extensive public consultation confirming that a thriving district is residents' overriding wish. The District Council's vision is for a Derbyshire Dales with high-wage, high-skill jobs.
2. Adequate provision of ICT facilities will help to provide services efficiently and to reduce the risks of service disruption, supporting the achievement of many of the Council's aims and priorities.

1 REPORT

The relevant minutes of the Community and Environment and Governance & Resources Committees are reproduced in full, below, to assist Members' understanding of the issues involved, with the recommendation to be approved marked by an arrow (➔).

43/19 – DERBYSHIRE DALES ECONOMIC PLAN UPDATE

The Derbyshire Dales Economic Plan was adopted by the District Council in September 2014 which was a result of a workshop held with District Councillors in June 2014. A progress report was last considered by the Community and Environment Committee on 12 July 2018, with subsequent updates reporting the results of the 2018 Business Survey and seeking authority for proposed site feasibility work on 15 November 2018. The Plan aims to

enhance economic growth and job creation, with a particular focus on the creation of higher value jobs (to replace lower-skilled, lower-paid roles). This reflects the fact that jobs in the Derbyshire Dales suffer from low pay – only 37 out of 326 districts in England have lower average workplace pay levels than the Derbyshire Dales.

The Committee considered a report on the further progress on the Derbyshire Dales Economic Plan 2014-2019 and noted the Performance and spend of the Launchpad business start-up programme against the contract. The report also sought approval for a revised expenditure programme and financing from the Economic Development Reserve which will be presented as a new Economic Plan for consideration at Council on 21 November 2019.

The activity undertaken under the Plan has focused on the following priority themes. Progress on theme 1 (employment sites) remains challenging but good progress is reported to have made on the other four themes.

- Employment sites
- Business engagement
- Derbyshire Dales Business Advice
- Visitor Economy
- Enterprise Peak District partnership projects

A plan for expenditure of the Economic Development Reserve was agreed by Council on 27 September 2018. The Reserve had £163,944 remaining at 31 March 2019. However, of this, £95,940 is committed and a further £68,004 is proposed against identified Economic Plan activities. These include £43,504 to support site delivery work, focusing on key employment sites in the central area of the district and further work necessary to support delivery of the Bakewell Road town centre site, Matlock.

It was moved by Councillor Helen Froggatt, seconded by Councillor Garry Purdy and

RESOLVED
(Unanimously)

1. Progress to date in delivering the Derbyshire Dales Economic Plan 2014-2019 is approved
2. Performance and spend of the Launchpad business start-up programme against contract is noted
3. Council be recommended to approve the revised expenditure programme as set out in section 5 of the report, and its financing from the Economic Development Reserve
4. A new Economic Plan is prepared for consideration at Council on 21 November 2019.

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59/19 – CAPITAL PROGRAMME BID FOR MICROSOFT EXCHANGE SOFTWARE

The Committee considered a report that sought approval for a business case relating to Microsoft Exchange software. The 4 options were detailed in the report, together with Officer comment, with a cost comparison tabled in paragraph 2.5 of the report.

It was proposed that Option 1, Exchange Server Standard 2019, together with the associated Client Access Licenses (CALs), be procured as it would meet the Council's

requirements and was the lowest cost option over 5 years; and that the existing Exchange 2010 instance be migrated to the new platform on premise.

The key stages of the proposed project, to be run by the Joint ICT Service, were tabled in the report, and the proposed business case had ***been approved by*** the Corporate Leadership Team and given a score of 75 for the purposes of capital prioritisation.

It was moved by Councillor Mike Ratcliffe, seconded by Councillor David Hughes and

RESOLVED
(unanimously)

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1. That the business case for Microsoft Exchange software is approved.
2. That, subject to the approval of Recommendation 1, Council be requested to approve the inclusion of this project, estimated at £17,000, within the capital programme for 2019/20.