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Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel - Paperless Committees Update

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Summary

To provide an update to Members' on the progress of the recommendations identified as part of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel investigation on paperless committee meetings.

Update

The Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel investigated the possibility of introducing paperless system in respect of Middlesbrough Council's committee meetings and the use of portable devices by Members to facilitate that.

The panel made a number of recommendations and the officer's actions to meet those were agreed by the Executive on 18 June 2013 with an estimated implementation date of 2015.

The implementation timescale was agreed to take place over a number of years to tie in with other corporate initiatives such as the change programme and Work Smart, as effective implementation is dependent on upgrades to the Council's networks, wi-fi and mobile working solutions.

Appendix 1 shows an update against each of the panel recommendations.

Conclusions

A meeting has taken place with the Council's Corporate Programme Manager to ensure the requirements of project are considered throughout the different stages of the Work Smart programme and at the present time confirms that the implementation timescale is achievable.