UPDATE ON THIRD PARTY SOFTWARE

1   PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1   To update Members on the latest costs for third party software.

2   INTRODUCTION

2.1   In January 2016 (Minute 3/2016), Members reviewed the costs of third party software used by the Council to conduct business and deliver services.

2.2   The Review Committee requested an update on the costs in the new Municipal Year 2016/17, and whether it had been possible to reduce costs by a further 10%.

3   UPDATE

3.1   The table below sets out the budget for costs paid to date by the Council for third party software.

3.2   **Table 1 – Software Costs**

2015/16 budget	-	£370,000
2015/16 actual spend	-	£328,407
2016/17 budget	-	£380,400
2016/17 predicted spend	-	£337,500
2017/18 budget	-	£314,300

4   RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1   The costs to date in the current financial year are well within the projected budget. It should be borne in mind that further orders may be raised on the 2016/17 budget, though this is thought to be unlikely.

4.2   The budget for 2017/18 has been set to take account of a £30,000 reduction in software costs after accounting for a 2% RPI increase.

5   RECOMMENDATION

5.1   It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES** to note the contents of the report.

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Background Papers:-

None.

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