
IMPLEMENTING ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report contains the Implementing Electronic Government 2004 Statement (IEG4) for comment and approval, prior to submission to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) by 20 December 2004.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Council's IS/ICT strategy 2001/02 to 2005/06 was considered at Council on 24 April 2001. Section 5 of the strategy was submitted to the then Department of Transport Local Government and the Regions as the Council's first IEG Statement in May 2002. As a result of the satisfactory assessment, a £200,000 capital grant for e-government projects was received for 2002/03.
- 2.2 The IEG2 Statement was approved by Council on 29 October 2002. This was also assessed as satisfactory by the ODPM and a grant of £200,000 awarded for 2003/04.
- 2.3 The IEG3 Statement was approved by Council on 30 October 2003. This was assessed as satisfactory and a grant of £350,000 awarded for 2004/05.

3 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The ODPM requires an IEG4 Statement to be submitted. This has to be in a prescribed form and will be circulated separately to Members.
- 3.2 During the year the ODPM has issued its "e-government priority outcomes" requirements. These specify 54 requirements to be achieved either by December 2005 or March 2006. These are set out in Section 1 of the IEG4 Statement, and it is against progress on these specific outcomes that the allocation of future IEG capital funding of £150,000 will be assessed and released. Some of these priority outcomes are issues that will be addressed by working in partnership with Essex County Council and other Essex Districts through the Essex Online Partnership. However, some of the targets will be a challenge for the Council to achieve in the timescale set by ODPM.
- 3.3 In 2005/06 it is likely that the Authority will have to submit an IEG5 to show progress on achieving the 54 priority outcomes by the set deadlines.

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The development of e-government has been greatly assisted by the £750,000 total grant from the ODPM from 2002/03 to 2004/05. If progress is to be maintained, a further grant in 2005/06 is essential.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT**5.1 Regulatory Risk**

The ODPM requires the Council to submit an IEG4 Statement. Failure to submit a satisfactory return could potentially lead to the ODPM taking back funding already provided and/or the withholding of funding in 2005/06.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES** to approve the IEG4 statement for submission to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

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Background Papers:-

IS/ICT Strategy 2001/02-2005/06
IdeA Guidance Notes for IEG4

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