
IMPLEMENTING ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report contains the Implementing Electronic Government (IEG) 2003 Return (IEG3) for comment and approval, prior to submission to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) by 10 November 2003.

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 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) and a grant of £200,000 awarded for 2003/04.

3 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The ODPM requires an IEG3 Statement to be submitted. This has to be in a prescribed form, as in the attached document.
- 3.2 However, unlike previous years, the ODPM has not yet formally stated whether a grant of £200,000 will be made available in 2004/05, although the latest indications are that this is now more likely than had previously been advised.
- 3.3 The deadline for submission of the IEG3 Statement is 10 November 2003.
- 3.4 From information obtained at briefings provided by the Government, it is apparent that the IEG Statement will form a key element of the Comprehensive Performance Assessment.
- 3.5 In 2004/05 it is likely that the Authority will have to submit an IEG4, but the indications are that the ODPM will be amending the reporting regime again, and that it is likely that grant will be awarded on the basis that certain specified services have been e-enabled.

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The development of e-government has been greatly assisted by the £400,000 total grant from the ODPM in 2002/03 and 2003/04. If progress is to be maintained, a further grant in 2004/05 is essential.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 Regulatory Risk

The ODPM requires the Council to submit an IEG3 Statement. Failure to submit a satisfactory return could lead to the withholding of funding in 2004/05.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is proposed that the Council approve the IEG3 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 IEG3
SOCITM Guidance Notes for IEG3

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