

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THIS DECISION EXPIRES AT 5.00pm ON
WEDNESDAY, 30 JANUARY 2008. THE DECISION CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED
UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE.**

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS AT COUNTY
HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT ON WEDNESDAY, 23 JANUARY 2008

Present : Councillor Barry Abraham - Cabinet Member for Residents and Resources

April Ross – Committee and Scrutiny Team

Item	<u>Replacement of Financial Systems</u>
Decision reference	04/08
Decision taken	<p>Option C - To approve the replacement of the Council's current financial systems and HR/Payroll system, to include the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the project is approved and progressed to 'Tender stage' to ensure full costs and benefits are fully understood. • That money is allocated from the previously agreed capital budget for 'Corporate Application replacement' to finance the 'Tender stage'. • To confirm support of the project and agree to appoint David Burbage (Interim Director of Finance) as project sponsor. • To support the proposed live dates for delivery of financial systems by 1 April 2009 and HR/Payroll by December 2009. • That the Project Sponsor creates a project board which will be responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointing an external Project Manager to undertake change management and procurement processes. • Agreeing procurement processes. • Communication of project to all staff. • Overseeing the creation of a protocol for realising benefits. • Selecting and appointing officers to form an Implementation team.
Reasons for decision	By replacing the Council's current financial systems and HR/Payroll system the Council should achieve significant savings as a result of business process re-engineering.

Additional reasons	<p>The Council should also achieve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Near real-time reporting on financial information allowing better management decisions at the right time. • Improved performance in terms of collection of monies owed and payment of bills • A significant role model for council wide transformational change. • Reduced risk of system failure (as opposed to that currently being experienced)
Options considered and rejected	<p>Option a) To maintain and develop existing systems.</p> <p>Option b) To explore external services including the potential for including shared services.</p>
Declarations of interest	None
Additional advice received	None Received