

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

Leader Decision

Decision By: Cllr Wilson, Leader

APPROVAL OF DIGITAL STRATEGY

**Report by: Susan Parker, Head of Programmes,
Redesign & Quality**

Key Decision: Yes

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1. This report is to approve the Digital Strategy 2020-24.

2.0 Decision

- 2.1 Approve the Digital Strategy 2020-2024, in line with the Corporate Plan.
- 2.2 The Digital Strategy to be noted at Full Council at the earliest opportunity.
- 2.2 Agree the funding of the delivery of the strategy, on a project by project business case to be approved by Cabinet.

3.0 Issue

- 3.2 One of the five themes within the Corporate Strategy is the creation of a Sustainable Council – transformation is key to this.
- 3.3 The Digital Strategy is a major enabler for these transformation plans. With a clear framework for digital there is a risk that future decisions on digital investment will be ill-informed and not deliver the transformational outcomes required.

4.0 Implications

4.1 Resources

The Digital Strategy is entirely business case and evidence-based driven and as such, resources will be considered on a case-by-case basis for the projects detailed in the Delivery Road Map. £265k Capital receipts have been ring-fenced for delivery, subject to business case approval.

- 4.1.1 In line with the Funding Opportunities design guideline within the strategy, the council will pursue national transformation funding opportunities where available to supplement business cases. We will seek to share costs with partners, ROI from released costs, undertake sound procurement and adhere to the Finance Strategy (MTFS).
- 4.1.2 Capita are our 3rd Party ICT provider and certain initiatives will require their resources.
- 4.1.3 The delivery of the Digital Strategy will be led by the Programmes, Redesign & Quality Service in close partnership with existing resources in Organisational Development.
- 4.1.4 Additional council resources may also be required to deliver the initiatives detailed in the Delivery Road Map; these are considered within the content of the individual business cases.

4.2 *Legal*

None.

4.3 *Strategy*

- 4.3.1 The Digital Strategy will be one of the main enablers to deliver the theme of Sustainable Council as defined in the corporate strategy for the Council.

4.4 *Risks*

- 4.4.1 Without the Digital Strategy future decisions on digital investment may be fragmented and hamper the transformational goals of the Council.
- 4.4.2 There may also be additional costs incurred if projects are aborted due to non-strategic decision-making.

5.0 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 – ‘confidential’ or Exempt’ Information Indicator:

- 5.1 This delegated decision contains neither confidential nor exempt information.

6.0 Is this an Urgent Decision?

Yes, due to the need to have a clear, strategic plan for digital investment in order drive forward transformation plans.

7.0 Consultation with Cabinet Lead (as appropriate):

Cabinet Lead Informed: Cllr Lulu Bowerman
Date: 6 April 2020

8.0 Urgency Agreed with Scrutiny Board Chairman (as appropriate):

Scrutiny Board Chairman: Cllr Tony Briggs
(Governance, Audit & Finance Board)
Date: 8 April 2020

Agreed Councillor Michael Wilson

Date 15 April 2020

Appendices:

Appendix A – Draft Digital Strategy
Appendix B - Glossary

Background Papers:

Digital Strategy Presentation (Powerpoint Slides)

Agreed and signed off by:

Monitoring Officer: 3 April 2020

S151 Officer: date 3 April 2020

Relevant Executive Director: Lydia Morrison 3 April 2020

Cabinet Lead Cllr Lulu Bowerman – Cllr Lulu Bowerman 6 April 2020

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