

**E-GOVERNMENT TASK GROUP held at COUNCIL OFFICES LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 4.00 pm on 5 NOVEMBER 2003**

Present:- Councillors V J T Lelliott, R M Lemon and A R Thawley

Officers in attendance:- J K Mercer, M T Purkiss and A Webb.

**EG18 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2003 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**EG19 BUSINESS ARISING**

**(i) Minute EG8 - Members' IT Services**

The Head of IT and Anti Fraud Services reported that it was likely that the new version of CMIS would be installed in two weeks time.

**(ii) Minute EG11 - IT Programme 2003/04**

It was noted that the online payment system had gone live by the target date.

**(iii) Minute EG15 - Broadband Aggregation Project**

The Head of IT and Anti Fraud Services said that he was talking to a number of broadband providers about the possibility of rolling out broadband to Members. He was also considering replacing existing kilostream and ISDN connections with broadband, which could produce some cost savings.

**EG20 IEG 3 STATEMENT**

The Head of IT and Anti Fraud Services reminded Members that the Government had set a target that by 2005 all appropriate Council Services should be available electronically. As part of this process the Council was required to submit an Implementing Electronic Government 3 (IEG 3) Statement to the ODPM by 10 November 2003. The IEG 3 Statement was part of the mechanism used by the ODPM to monitor the progress Councils were making towards the 2005 target.

The Head of IT and Anti Fraud Services explained the content of the statement and Members considered a draft which had been prepared.

He explained that this was the third year that an IEG Statement had been required. In both of the previous two years, as a result of submitting a satisfactory statement, £200,000 of additional funding had been received from the Government's Modernisation Fund. Although an announcement on the amount of funding Councils would receive in 2004/05 was still to be made, a sum of around £200,000 was assumed.

Members considered the statement in detail and a number of clerical alterations were made. It was also agreed that the section on “transforming our local environment” should include reference to the Development Plan. Members congratulated Officers on preparing the IEG 3 Statement and it was

RESOLVED that the IEG 3 Statement, as amended at the meeting, be submitted to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

## EG21 **DEMONSTRATION OF NEW WEBSITE**

The Principal IT and Anti Fraud Officer demonstrated the new version of the Council’s website. He said that under the Microsoft content management system each service would be able to update its own pages.

Members said that the new website was much clearer and it was easy to find the way around. It also provided easy links to other organisations’ websites, including Saffire, without leaving the Uttlesford site. Issues regarding disclaimers and copyright would be addressed before the system went live. It was hoped that when the website had been further developed a link could be provided to all Members so that they could view it in advance of the system going live.

## EG22 **NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on a date to be agreed with the Chairman commencing at 4.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 4.55 pm.