Committee: IT WORKING GROUP

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Summary

1. This report updates Members on the progress of the review of the Ocella system.

- 2. It is not felt appropriate to progress with the replacement of the Ocella system, at this time, for the following reasons:
 - a. It would be prudent, given the financial challenges that currently face the council to retain the capital monies identified for this project.
 - b. The council is currently talking to a number of potential partners. By retaining our existing system the opportunities for shared services in this area, and therefore the potential to realise potentially greater savings are increased.
- 3. The organisational re-engineering (OR) team are about to begin a review in Development Services (excluding Building Surveying) and they will look at possible enhancements to Ocella and will provide a detailed cost benefit analysis for any they feel appropriate. At the end of the review a report will be presented to this Working Group outlining savings versus cost for Member decision.

Recommendations

- 4. That the replacement of the Ocella system does not progress at this time; and
- 5. That any OR recommendations, accompanied by full cost benefit analysis, are presented to a later meeting of this Working Group for consideration.

Background Papers

6. None.

Impact

Communication/Consultation	Staff were consulted during the process.
Community Safety	None.
Equalities	None.
Finance	See relevant paragraphs in report
Human Rights	None.
Legal implications	None.
Ward-specific impacts	None.
Workforce/Workplace	None.