Committee: Resources Committee

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Title: IEG3 Statement

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Summary

This report seeks confirmation for the action taken by the E-Government Task Group to submit an Implementing Electronic Government 3 (IEG3) statement to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) by the deadline of 10 November 2003.

Background

- The Government has set a target that by 2005 all appropriate Council services will be available electronically. As part of this process the Council was required to submit an IEG Statement to the ODPM by 10 November 2003. The IEG3 statement is part of the mechanism used by the ODPM to monitor the progress councils are making towards the 2005 target. The IEG statement is in six parts:
 - A statement summarising how e-government will improve services and outcomes for citizens in terms of the seven shared priorities for local government, together with any additional local priorities.
 - ii) A self-assessment of the Council's progress, in terms of the six elements of the ODPM's model of the local 'e-organisation'.
 - iii) Actual and forecast figures for best value performance indicator BVPI 157 (the percentage of total Council services that are e-enabled).
 - iv) Actual and forecast figures for the numbers of e-enabled payment transactions and abandoned vehicle reports.
 - v) An assessment of how the Council will develop the key technical building blocks for e-government, including an indication of the relative usefulness of outputs from ODPM pathfinder projects, national projects and partnership working with other local authorities.
 - vi) A summary of current and forecast expenditure on implementing egovernment up to 2005/06.
- This is the third year that an IEG statement has been required. In both of the previous two years, as a result of submitting a satisfactory IEG Statement,

£200,000 of additional capital funding was received from the Government's Modernisation Fund. Although an announcement on the amount of funding Councils will receive this year is still to be made, a sum of around £200,000 is assumed for approved statements.

- Attached to this report is the IEG3 Statement submitted for Uttlesford.

 Because work is still in progress on the production of the Quality of Life plan, certain assumptions about future plans and projects have had to be made. However, the statement was drafted so as to avoid committing the Council to any unapproved plans, programmes or expenditure.
- Because of the very tight deadline for submitting the statement, it was not possible to obtain this committee's approval before the submission date. However, the statement was considered by the E-Government Task Group on 5 November where it was resolved that the statement, as amended at the meeting, be submitted to the ODPM.

RECOMMENDED that the decision of the E-Government Task Group to submit the attached IEG3 statement to the ODPM be confirmed.

Background Papers: None