



PORTFOLIO AREA: FINANCE AND RESOURCES

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Inside Policy Framework

Title: REPLACEMENT OF IT SERVER AT BRAMPTON BUSINESS CENTRE AND TELE CENTRE

Report of: Head of Economic and Community Development

Report reference: ECD 04/05

Summary: The IT server at Brampton business Centre and Tele centre is due for replacement. Whilst included in the Renewals Schedule, this gives a replacement date of 2013 / 2014 which is incorrect. There are sufficient funds accrued in the Renewals Budget to enable the server to be replaced immediately.

Recommendations: The Executive is asked to approve the release of £11,642 from the Renewals Reserve to fund the replacement of the IT Server at Brampton Business Centre and Tele Centre, for recommendation to Council.

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Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS

The IT Server at Brampton Business Centre and Tele Centre was installed when the Centre opened in 1998. The server is now due for replacement and a more "future proof" piece of equipment is required. Whilst the Server is included in the renewals schedule, the current replacement date is 2013 / 2014 rather than 2003 / 2004 and authority is now being sought to release funds to purchase a replacement.

2. CONSULTATION

2.1 Consultation to Date. None

2.2 Consultation proposed. None

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

That £11,642 be released from the Renewals Fund to replace the IT Server at Brampton Business Centre and Tele Centre.

4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

A new server is required to replace the current obsolete piece of equipment. A new server is required to ensure business continuity as, should the present equipment fail, it will result in considerable down time and a loss of data including students course work.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- Staffing/Resources –
- Financial – The cost of replacing the IT server totalling £11,642 can be met from contributions previously made to the Renewals Reserve in respect of general equipment for the Brampton Business and Tele Centre. The level of contributions made as at 1 April 2005 amount to £36,053. The release of the contributions to fund the server, as a supplementary estimate, will require the approval of full Council
- Legal –

- Corporate –
- Risk Management – Business continuity / loss of data should present equipment fail.
- Equality Issues –
- Environmental –
- Crime and Disorder –
- Impact on Customers – A more reliable service, particularly for students undertaking course work.