

# REPORT TO EXECUTIVE

## PORTFOLIO AREA: Policy & Performance Management

Date of Meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2002

Public

Key Decision: No

Recorded in Forward Plan: No

Inside/Outside Policy Framework

**Title:** GIS Report – Budget bid

**Report of:** The City Treasurer

**Report reference:** Financial Memo 2002/03 No. 78

### Summary:

This report outlines the case for an updated report to be prepared on the implications and issues associated with the implementation of a new Geographic Information System (GIS) by the Authority

### Recommendations:

That a budget bid of £6,000 go forward to produce a report on the resource and logistical implications of the Council investing in a new GIS system

**Contact Officer:** John Nutley

**Ext:** X7250

## 1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS

1. In 23<sup>rd</sup>. March 1999 a report was commissioned by the then Head of Planning from the company Terraquest Information Management.
2. The purpose of the report was to produce for the Council an information audit on the property systems employed by the Council and a Geographic Information Strategy (GIS).
3. Terraquest produced their report in November 1999. The cost of the report was £7,500.
4. The report produced a number of recommendations and costs on how GIS could be moved forward within the Authority.
5. Because of the large capital cost detailed in the report the Council decided at the time not to proceed with the proposal.
6. However, since then there have been significant changes in some of the assumptions on which the report was based.
7. The introduction of the National Land and Property Gazette, the transfer of services away from the Council, the implementation of some recommendations due to operational reasons and an increased internal demand within the Authority for a GIS system are all factors which impact on the reports original recommendations.
8. Moreover, the market for GIS systems has changed significantly and the type of systems that were examined only three years ago are now more affordable.
9. These combined factors mean that the original report needs to be updated to take account of the changed circumstances.
10. There is an increasing realisation by Officers and Members that a GIS system is an urgent requirement for the Authority along with the shortcomings of the existing Fastmap GIS system. If a new business case were presented based upon new assumptions the Council might arrive at a different decision on GIS.
11. It is recommended that a bid of £6,000 be allowed to go forward into the budget cycle to commission a new report to update the Council on the various GIS options open to them.

## **2. CONSULTATION**

2.1 Consultation to date.

2.2 Consultation proposed.

## **3. STAFFING/RESOURCES COMMENTS**

N/A

## **4. CITY TREASURER'S COMMENTS**

N/A

## **5. LEGAL COMMENTS**

N/A

## **6. CORPORATE COMMENTS**

N/A

## **7. RISK MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT**

N/A

## **8. EQUALITY ISSUES**

N/A

## **9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

## **10. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

## **11. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That a budget bid of £6,000 go forward to produce a report on the resource and logistical implications of the Council investing in a new GIS system

## **12. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

To further the case for a corporate GIS system

gh reports01 DRAFT REPORT 12 11 01