

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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### **PART I** **NON-KEY DECISION**

#### **IT COMPUTER ROOM –PROPOSED WAY FORWARD**

##### 1 **Purpose of Report**

This report updates Cabinet on the current status of the proposal to relocate the Council Computer Room from the Town Hall to a new location as part of the Council's Accommodation Strategy.

##### 2 **Recommendation**

The Cabinet is requested to note the contents of this report and that a further report will be brought to the October Cabinet meeting as part of the consideration of the Local Government Shared Services (LGSS) Strategy.

##### 3 **Community Strategy Priorities**

The need to relocate the IT Computer Room from the Town Hall is an integral part of the Council's Accommodation Strategy thereby contributing to the overall management of the assets under the Council's control thereby underpinning the delivery of the Council's Community Strategy.

##### 4 **Other Implications**

###### (a) **Financial**

These are contained in the attached report from Unisys (Exempt Information attached separately). At this stage no firm financial obligations are being proposed.

##### 5 **Supporting Information**

- 5.1 Attached is the report from Unisys setting out their recommendations regarding a replacement computer room (or production facility) together with a proposed Disaster Recovery (DR) facility. The production facility recommended is located within Slough and the DR facility would be located in neighbouring Hounslow.
- 5.2 Notwithstanding the pressing need to secure an alternative production site and put in place a robust DR facility, there are outstanding strategic, procurement and

contractual arrangements which need to be concluded before any firm recommendation can be put to Cabinet for approval.

- 5.3 It is vital that the way forward in respect of these revised facilities dovetails in with the agreed way forward for LGSS. As this topic will be the subject of a report to Cabinet in October it is proposed to complete the outstanding procurement and contractual arrangements alongside the report recommending the way forward for LGSS.

6 **Comments of Other Committees**

None

7 **Conclusion**

Cabinet is asked to note the contents of this report and to note that a further report will be brought to Cabinet for approval in October

8 **Appendices Attached**

'A' Unisys Report – Exempt Information – Circulated separately to Cabinet Members