

Report on	Planning System Replacement Update Feb 2018
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update Council on the progress to date in respect of the discovery and development of a business case for the replacement of the existing planning system.
2.0	Background
2.1	The discovery stage has progressed towards the development and evaluation of options for consideration and recommendation on the procurement and model for the planning service.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>PA consulting have been engaged by the Department to complete the business case and report to Solace and the Planning Portal Governance Board in March.</p> <p>Market testing has been completed and initial findings and engagement with 13 suppliers identified a significant number or reasonable mature commercially of the Shelf (COTS) products that claim to meet a significant proportion of the minimum viable product requirements established during the discovery phase for the planning system to operate.</p> <p>The options to procure a COTS solution, develop a new solution or hybrid will be evaluated in the business case assessment.</p> <p>The summary and themes developed through supplier and market testing are detailed in appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>The following timetable has been identified in respect of the business case finalisation and agreement by Councils and the department on the way forward to a procurement.</p> <p>The outcome (PA Consulting to develop a business case) will provide an impartial view of the available options and to identify a preferred option for Councils and the Department to agree a way forward.</p>

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4.0	Other Considerations																																					
4.1	<p>Financial : The cost of a potential planning portal will be estimated within the business case . The department is unable to establish solid data migration costs as they are dependant on future decisions on system models and the extent to what data is to be migrated into a new solution.</p>																																					

	The department is unlikely to commit to pay for the entire system and will present their position in the draft business case by 9th March.
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> No applicable
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> Not applicable
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	None
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	Thematic report on Supplier engagement.