

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

**10 March 2015**

**Report of the Acting Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults**

**LEARNING IN DERBYSHIRE [SCHOOLS]**

**1. Purpose of Report**

To seek approval for the development plans for the Learning in Derbyshire website.

**2. Information and Analysis**

Since 2003, the Council has communicated with schools via the schools extranet, Derbyshire Net for Learning (DNFL). A new solution was procured via EMPSN, resulting in Capita being awarded the contract in 2012 for the new SharePoint solution, for an initial 2 years. This contract has been extended for a further year to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015. The contract includes an option to extend for up to a final further year to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

The site required significant changes and development in response to a survey conducted with schools. The Cabinet Member for Children and Younger Adults approved funding for the project on 6th May 2014, which included the recruitment of a Grade 12 Project Manager for 1 year.

A Project Manager was recruited and began work in June 2014. Key activity to date has been:

- Completely redeveloping a new site, introducing a new look and feel and rebranded as Learning in Derbyshire
- Reviewing all content and moving to a new site structure
- Working with all Traded Services with content on the site to work within the new structure
- Allowing some content to be 'non-authenticated' meaning that much of the content is now available to a wider schools audience
- Improved search capability

- Introduced new site functions to provide added value for schools
- Increased the scalability and flexibility to improve publication of content and management of the site
- Increase analytical information available
- Demonstrating the new site at Area Heads meetings in Autumn 2014
- Provided briefing and training to colleagues who will be supporting the site

The new Learning in Derbyshire site officially launched on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

The plan agreed by the Cabinet Member for Children and Younger Adults approved on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014 assumed that the site would eventually migrate to the Corporate Content Management System being procured at that time. The timescales for the Corporate Content Management System procurement to be complete have been revised, therefore it will be necessary to ensure support for Learning in Derbyshire until the current hosting contract ends on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016.

### 3. **Financial Considerations**

On 6<sup>th</sup> May 2014, the Cabinet Member for Children and Younger Adults approved the use of £82,260 from the PSA reward grant. As this expenditure was planned to be incurred over two financial years, an earmarked reserve was established. Expenditure against this funding is currently estimated as follows:

<b>Item</b>	<b>£</b>
Funding Agreed on 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2014	82,260
Less	
Grade 12 Project Manager – June 2014 to Jan 2015	30,000
OpenHive Licences 1/11/2014 to 31/10/2015 (4,000)	12,720
Capita Sharepoint 2010 end-user training	1,968
Analytics Change Control (Capita)	250
QA Sharepoint training	414
<b><u>Total Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>45,352</u></b>
Balance Remaining	36,908

Future funding requirements are as follows:

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Licences (4000)		5,300	7,420	<b>12,720</b>
Grade 12 Project Manager	7,500	45,000	26,250	<b>78,750</b>
Training/Consultancy	2,000	2,000	2,000	<b>6,000</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9,500</b>	<b>52,300</b>	<b>35,670</b>	<b>97,470</b>
<b>Funded By</b>				
Remaining Balance	9,500	27,408		<b>36,908</b>
Unfunded		24,892	35,670	<b>60,562</b>

Based on the totals shown above, currently unfunded amount is £60,562.

It is proposed that the balance of the 2015/16 costs are met from CAYA's accumulated underspend from prior years and covered by traded income in 2016/17.

**4. Other Considerations**

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: - prevention of crime & disorder, equality of opportunity, environmental, health, legal & human rights, human resources, property and transport considerations.

**5. Key Decision      No**

**6. Background Papers      None**

**7. Officer's Recommendation**

To approve the development plans for the Learning in Derbyshire website.

**Ian Johnson, Acting Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults**