

**STUDY PROPOSAL: ICT PROVISION IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR
(Report by the Head of Democratic and Central Services)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to acquaint the Panel with a proposal for a study into Information Communications Technology (ICT) in the public sector, which has been suggested by a resident of the District.

2. THE STUDY PROPOSAL

- 2.1 The Council has been contacted by Dr J Stanley, who is a Research Fellow at Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, with a suggestion for a study, which she feels could have considerable benefits for the District. The proposal's objective is to make evidence-based recommendations for:

- heightening system robustness;
- increasing data security;
- making cost savings, and
- making an estimate of new employment that could be achieved.

Having made herself conversant with the Council's ICT Strategy 2009-11, Dr Stanley has prepared a proposal, which is attached at Appendix A.

- 2.2 Dr Stanley has been invited to the meeting to present her proposal.
- 2.3 It is usual, when planning a study to take decisions on a range of matters. These are specified in the standard study template. A copy of the template appears in Appendix B.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 A proposal for a study has been received from an expert in her field. Details of the proposal are attached and will be expanded on at the meeting. The Panel is invited to consider the proposal and decide how it wishes to take the proposal forward.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Study proposal submitted by Dr J Stanley

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