

**STRATEGIC INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**4 February 2004  
6.30pm – 7.05pm**PRESENT:** Cllrs Bailey, Liddle, Ward,  
Alco Present: Executive Councillor: Cllr C Rosenstiel**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL****04/SIT/01 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 27 July and 30 October 2003 were confirmed as a correct record.

**04/SIT/02 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bagnall, Bell and Slater.

**04/SIT/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were made.

**04/SIT/04 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public were present.

**04/SIT/05 INTERNET CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM: PROJECT APPRAISAL**

The current City Council Web site had been in use for a number of years and needed improvement to its technical facilities, design, and content. The site had grown considerably since its launch and now faced problems common to many sites when they reached a certain size.

In addition the site did not meet current government technical guidelines in several areas. Improvements needed to be made to ensure maximum accessibility (for instance by those with disabilities).

The e-government requirement on all public bodies implied an accurate, well-managed site, as well as the capability to develop online forms, consultations and discussions fairly easily.

The proposed project covered redesigning and building a replacement Internet site based on the APLAWS (Accessible and Personalised Local Authority Websites) content management system.

The Project Board had invited bids for assistance in implementing and supporting APLAWS+, as this would be a major project and would require specialist resource above that provided by ITNET for the basic running of the site. Three companies had been invited to tender; and the Board had selected 'Runtime Collective as the preferred supplier.

The Committee agreed to recommend the Executive Councillor to approve the Project Appraisal.

The Executive Councillor approved the recommendation.

04/SIT/06     **DATES OF MEETINGS FOR REMAINDER OF 2004 AND 2005**

No dates were fixed for future meetings.

The meeting ended at 7.05pm

**CHAIR**

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