

**EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL,
SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL AND
BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
ORBIS JOINT COMMITTEE**



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SUBJECT: SERVICE UPDATE – IT AND DIGITAL

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

The Orbis Business Plan is predicated on the delivery of efficiencies achieved through service redesign and integration. This report provides an update on this process for the IT and Digital Service.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that:

1. The Orbis Joint Committee note the update provided.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To ensure the Joint Committee is kept informed about the progress to-date and understands the approach being taken for the IT and Digital Service.

DETAILS:

Service Update

1. At the Orbis Joint Committee held on 18 July 2016, the Orbis Chief Information Officer (CIO) presented a high level view of the proposed service structure and the approach to delivering this design.
2. Between July 2016 and March 2017, the top level structure and operational team level structures were put in place along with appointments to roles. This change has established the senior leadership and operational management tiers.
3. A process of engagement and collaboration with staff and stakeholders in Brighton and Hove City Council (BHCC) has been underway since the expansion of the Orbis Partnership to include BHCC.
4. Integration plans at the team level are being developed for 2018/19.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND IMPLICATIONS:

5. The integration plans for 2018/19 will identify the financial and non-financial risks along with proposed treatments.

Financial and Value for Money Implications

6. The cost of the proposed action and funding is incorporated in the Orbis Business Plan and subsequent planning at the Orbis Partnership level.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

7. Detailed plans for 2018/19 will be developed and consultations with staff and stakeholders including Trade Unions will be undertaken prior to the implementation of proposed changes.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Service Update slides

Sources/background papers:

None
