

15. REVISED INFORMATION SECURITY POLICY

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Corporate Services presenting a revised Information Security Policy for approval.

The Head of Corporate Services advised that the services delivered by the council had become increasingly information dependent. The council's policies relating to information management established principles for the management of the council's information assets ensuring legal compliance, public confidence and best practice.

The council was required to conduct annual reviews of the policies relating to information management. The policies had been reviewed by the Information Management Working Group and the ICT Programme Board to ensure that they continued to support the council's compliance with statutory requirements and that they took account of modernising and developing business processes.

A revised Information Security Policy was presented at Appendix 1 attached to the report which set out the security standards and arrangements required to protect council information. The revised policy also took account of the requirement for increased awareness around cyber security and had been updated to ensure that appropriate information management and security policies were referred to. The policy also provided a framework for corporate and service based information security guidelines and procedures.

It was recommended that the Council Executive approved the revised information Security Policy.

Decision

1. To approve the terms of the report
2. To agree that on-line Information Security Training was to be mandatory for all elected members.