

TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

HEAD OF SERVICE'S DECISION

Committee: Cabinet

Chairman: Cllr Ian Carr

Head of Service: Gill Cranswick

SOFTWARE LICENCE – REVENUES & BENEFITS SYSTEM

REASON FOR URGENCY

The Council has a contract with Digica to host and manage the main revenues & benefits IT system. Under the contract TVBC procured a new server to allow the system to be migrated to the latest version of Oracle database. The Council's application solution supplier, Northgate, has recently advised the Council that an additional Oracle licence is required in respect of the new server due to its configuration.

The additional licence is required urgently as the new system is being built. The existing system is reaching the end of its life and is becoming unreliable causing significant business impact. In addition, the Council needs to move to the latest version of the Northgate software to implement changes in benefits regulations relating to Employment Support Allowance which was introduced on 27 October 2008.

The one-off cost of the licence is £28,069, plus £6,284 annual support and maintenance. The costs will be met from existing budgets but a virement is required to transfer the budget to the appropriate cost centres.

DECISION

(After consultation with the Chairman (or in his absence the Vice-Chairman), who has not requested that the matter be referred to a special meeting of the Committee).

That £28,069 is vired from additional benefits administration grant not included in the base budget to the housing benefit, council tax benefit, NDR and council tax administration cost centres. The additional grant was a one off payment, received in 2007, to support the introduction of a change in benefits legislation from April 2008 and the project is now complete.

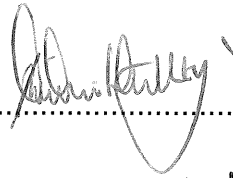
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(Overview & Scrutiny Committee)
Signature:



Date: 19th Nov^{br} 2008

Head of Service's
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Date:

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Date:

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1. Chief Executive
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BACKGROUND PAPER:

No background papers included with this decision notice.