

REPORT TO: POLICY AND REOURCES COMMITTEE - 10th FEBRUARY 2011

REPORT ON: EDUCATION DEPARTMENT: REVIEW OF ICT/MIS SUPPORT STRUCTURE

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to propose a revised ICT/MIS support structure in the Education Department. This will take effect no later than the beginning of school session 2011-12.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the proposed savings described in this report be approved.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The implementation of the non-replacement of the ICT Education Manager post and the return of all secondees will result in savings of £165k in 2011-2012 and beyond.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

- 4.1 Dundee City Council Education Department has invested a considerable amount of resources into ICT training for all staff since the commencement of the ICT training developments in 1999, which were funded by the New Opportunities Fund. This training has brought considerable benefits to learning and teaching in all our schools and Dundee is regarded as a national leader in ICT Developments. Dundee is also an early adopter of GLOW and all staff have been commissioned into the GLOW Intranet.
- 4.2 It is clear from HMle reports and the Department's own quality improvement measures that ICT is now well embedded in our schools and staff are highly trained.
- 4.3 Schools all have their own ICT coordinators and devolved CPD budgets that allow for the necessary in-house provision of ICT training. The GLOW intranet allows for the sharing of good practice between schools through 'glow meets' (video conferencing). In addition to this the Department has procured high quality interactive individual resource based packages to allow staff to take up the opportunity of ICT training at a time and place convenient to themselves.
- 4.4. ICT Support for schools will continue to be provided through two full-time Education Support Officers who will be managed from within the Education Department.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been screened for any implications in respect of sustainability, strategic environment assessment, anti-poverty, equality impact assessment and risk management. There are no major issues. An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and will be made available on the Council website: <http://www.dundee.gov.uk/equanddiv/equipact>.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 This report has been subject to consultation with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) and Director of Finance.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Equality Impact Assessment.

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