

# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

## CABINET

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### Report of the Information Technology Manager

#### Part 1- Public

#### Matters for Information

#### **1 INVESTMENT IN GIS – PRESENTATION**

##### **1.1 Background and Introduction**

- 1.1.1 During the budget cycle for the current financial year Members made the decision to invest capital and revenue resources in the corporate development of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) within the authority.
- 1.1.2 A corporate GIS Team has been created within IT Services using some existing staffing within the authority plus the shared use of the experienced GIS Manager employed by Tunbridge Wells BC. This team is now responsible for identifying, centralising and improving the numerous spatial datasets across the authority and making them corporately available to all staff. Selected datasets will also be made available to the public in due course.
- 1.1.3 This team is also responsible for maintaining the Council's land and property gazetteer and will shortly be taking responsibility for street naming and numbering. These functions are interrelated with GIS and bringing them together is the most efficient and effective way forward. Funding exists for a further post or additional shared use of resources with Tunbridge Wells to enable faster progress to be made on making the GIS datasets available to enable the benefits of using this spatial data to be realised.
- 1.1.4 Capital resources have been used to purchase corporate GIS software and central hardware to store the data and maps to serve the staff via the Intranet and the public via the Website. The hardware is in place and some of the software has been implemented. The remaining software to enable the management of the Intranet/Website data will be implemented in the coming months when the supplier has finalised some major improvements.
- 1.1.5 Although the GIS project is still in its infancy, a brief presentation and demonstration will be made to Members to show the progress being made and the datasets currently available to enable a better understanding of the potential benefits to the authority.

**1.2 Legal Implications**

1.2.1 None

**1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

1.3.1 None

**1.4 Risk Assessment**

1.4.1 None

Background papers:

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Nil

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