



Joint Executive Committee / Joint Scrutiny Committee – Initiative Update

Meeting	Strata Joint Scrutiny Committee (JSC) Strata Joint Executive Committee (JEC)
Date	13 th January 2020 (JSC) 27 th January 2020 (JEC)
Subject	Local Digital Declaration – Revs and Bens Feasibility ‘Discovery Phase’.
Update	<p>Strata are working in support of the TDC initiative to investigate the feasibility of writing an in-house Revs and Bens system as the current systems provided by the likes of Capita, Northgate and Civica are proving costly to support, are costly and complex to integrate into and are not currently supporting the transformational needs of the three authorities, as they were written 20+ years ago and have simply been added to and enhanced over the years.</p> <p>Writing a new ‘opensource’ based solution, would provide a higher degree of flexibility, would reduce costs and could be offered out to the wider Local Government community.</p> <p>As part of the Local Digital Declaration which is a funded MHCLG initiative, TDC as the lead have been awarded £71k to undertake this ‘Discovery phase’. The partnership of local authorities working together on this Discovery phase is TDC, EDDC, ECC, Sedgemoor, Basildon and Brentwood. Strata are assisting in providing technical input.</p> <p>The team are working closely with GDS (the Government Digital Service), and the current timeframe is for the Discovery phase to be completed and finding presented back by 31st March 2020. At this stage, GDS would then decide whether to provide additional funding for ‘Alpha’ phase work.</p> <p>The team are working together using an ‘agile’ approach and have been trained on these ‘agile methodologies’. In addition, applications such as Trello, Google Docs and Slack are being utilised to enable close project collaboration.</p>
Related Documents	N/A