

## **STRATA - JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, 18 JUNE 2019**

Present:

Councillors Bialyk, Ingham and Dewhirst

Phil Shears Managing Director - Teignbridge District Council  
Karime Hassan – Exeter City Council

Members Attendance:

Councillors Clarence and Wrigley

Apologies:

Councillor G Hook & M Williams Chief Executive - East Devon District Council

Officers in Attendance:

Laurence Whitlock, Strata IT Director  
Robin Barlow, Head of Security & Compliance  
Simon Davey, Strata Board Director  
David Hodgson, Strata Service Director  
Martin Millmow, Head of Document Centres  
Paul Nicholls, Food Health & Safety Manager  
David Sercombe, Head of Business Systems & Business Intelligence  
Adrian Smith, Head of Infrastructure & Support  
Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader

**1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Councillor Dewhirst the Deputy Leader of Teignbridge District Council was elected Chairman for the 2019/20 Municipal Year.

**2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 28 January 2019 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as correct.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **4. STRATA IT DIRECTOR REPORT**

The Strata IT Director presented the Strata Solutions update report for the period 3 January 2019 to 1 May 2019 (presentation attached to minutes).

The Head of Business Systems & Business Intelligence commented that the convergence plan was progressing well although savings were limited due to the fact that in some instances there were three copies of a system across the Councils rather than one 'shared platform' that all three authorities were operating on, this limited the ability of the authorities to gain the financial benefit of true 'shared services'. The aim with the installation of the new finance system was to have one shared system for all the Councils which would produce savings of about £250,000.

It was acknowledged that the global communications had the capacity to be developed to support communications with those public that had hearing difficulties. Currently web chat was not offered by any of the three authorities as a mechanism of communication, but it was not felt that it would be that difficult from a technology view point to open this communication channel

Strata Joint Scrutiny Committee had considered the report at its meeting on 30 May 2019.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

#### **5. FINANCE REPORT**

The Director responsible for Finance reported that Strata has delivered revenue savings of £623,800 in 2018/19 and had refunded £620,000 to the three Councils. The savings had compared well against the original target of £381,961 as outlined in the original business case.

Strata Joint Scrutiny Committee had considered the report at its meeting on 30 May 2019.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

#### **6. STRATA PEOPLE DATA REPORT**

The Strata IT Director presented the People Data Report.

Strata Joint Scrutiny Committee had considered the report at its meeting on 30 May 2019.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

Chairman



*Welcome – Simon Davey*

*18<sup>th</sup> June 2019*

# Background to Strata

## Setting up a New Company

100% wholly owned and controlled local authority company limited by shares – 1 share per partner

Control of Strata equal across all three authorities - all decisions need unanimous agreement

Strata has a constitution comprising the Articles of Association for the company and the Shareholder Agreement

Service Agreement between each individual authority and Strata

## Strategic Vision

Merging 3 IT departments into 1 organisation – Strata- and reducing management posts

Transferring all IT assets into Strata

Replacing 3 old computer centres with 1 new one

Implementing new data links to connect Councils

Putting in new “thin client” technology to deliver software to user’s machines

Standardising on best practice IT processes

Merging onto common business software systems over a period of 5 years



# What's Been Achieved – some of the highlights

Data Centre Environment

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Single Global Desktop Environment

Investors in People – Silver Level

Single Wide Area Network (MPLS WAN)

Impressive Set of Savings

Business System Convergence

Single Global Communication Environment

One Company / One Team

New Printing Fleet



# *IT Director Report*

*18<sup>th</sup> June 2019*

# very positive message so far in 2019

ings of £620k delivered against a target of £382k, *this is 162% of target*, 2019/2020 target is £853k

al Comms roll out at TDC is going well and on track, *over 1200 now* users migrated,

rogramme of investment in the Global Desktop has delivered a *scalable and flexible IT environment*

2019 Strata roles recruited for, people *want to come to work for Strata*

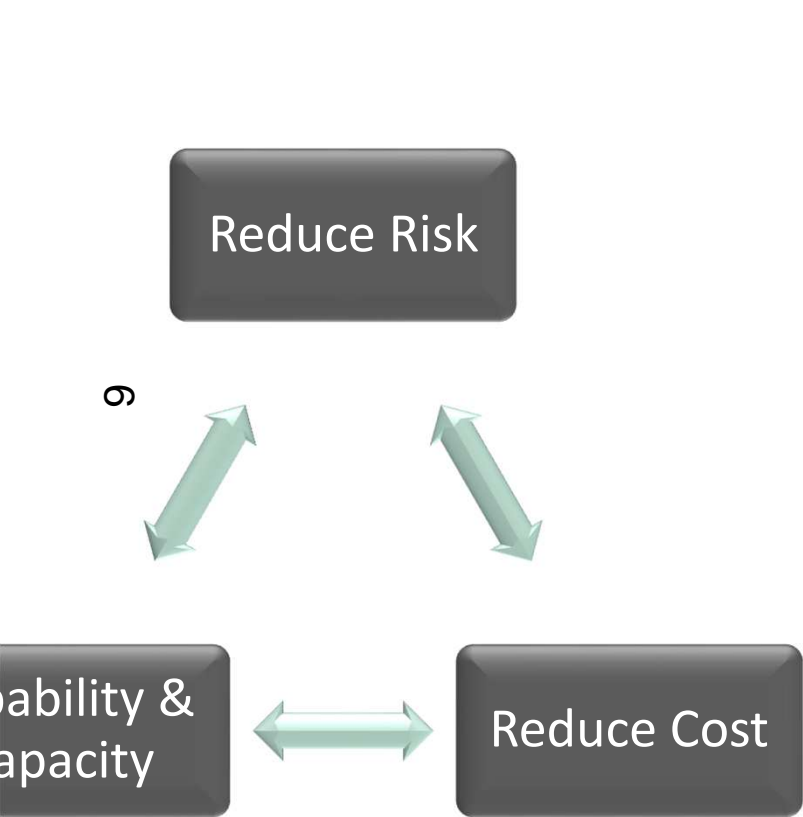
*successful delivery* of the IT for the new EDDC HQ in Honiton

agile working project *now underway*

*project methodology* launched – this will underpin all IT related projects

n Audit Partnership – Annual assessment shows Strata is *Good and Still Improving* in all areas

# Strata Core Objectives





# People – One Company / One Team



## Strata People Data

74 People  
11% Turnover  
Zero Redundancies  
Zero Grievances / Disciplinarys  
Absence Below 6 Days

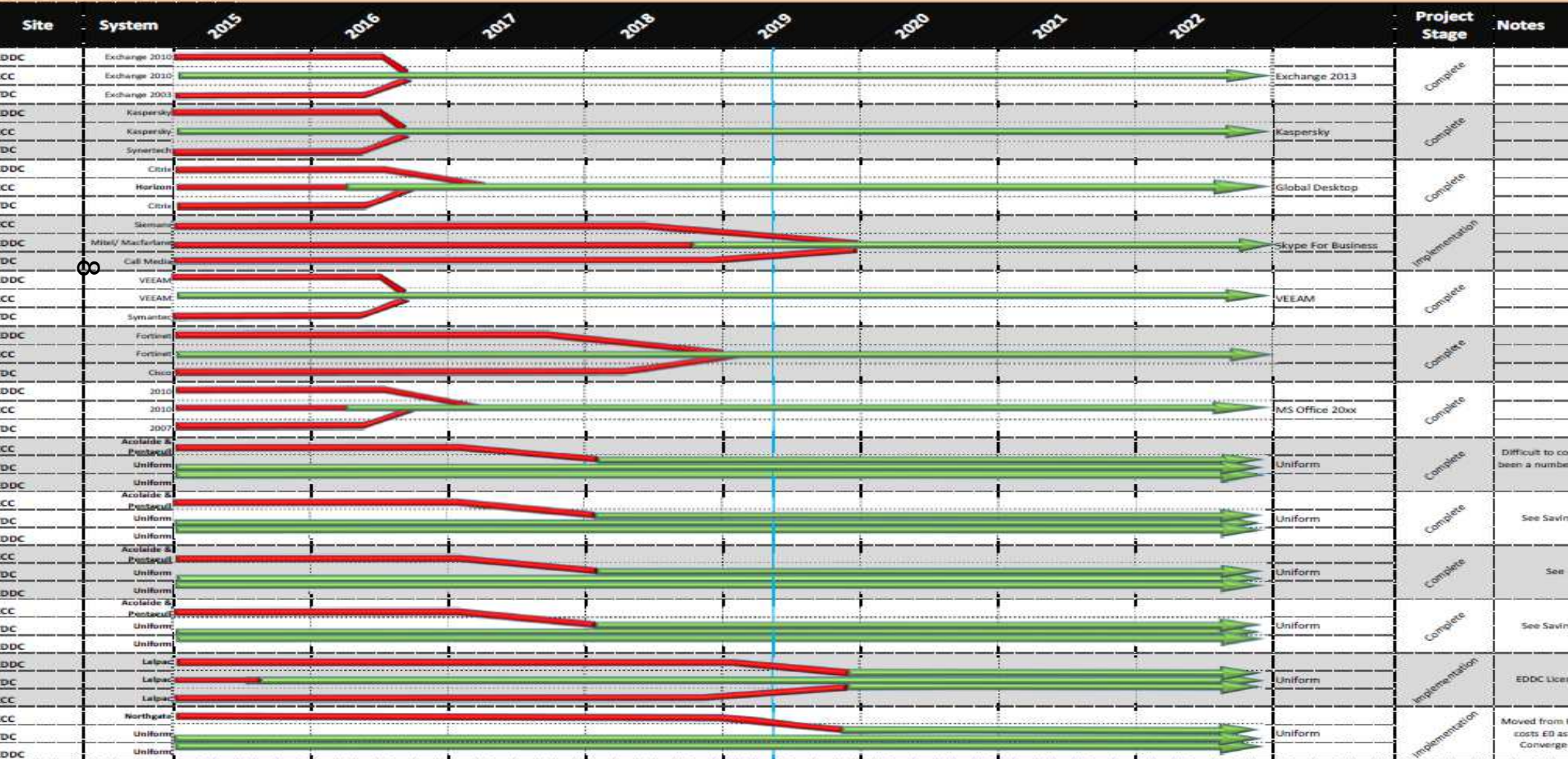
Exeter Business Games  
Investors in People  
Disability Friendly

Working with the Colleges:  
Exeter College / SD UTC



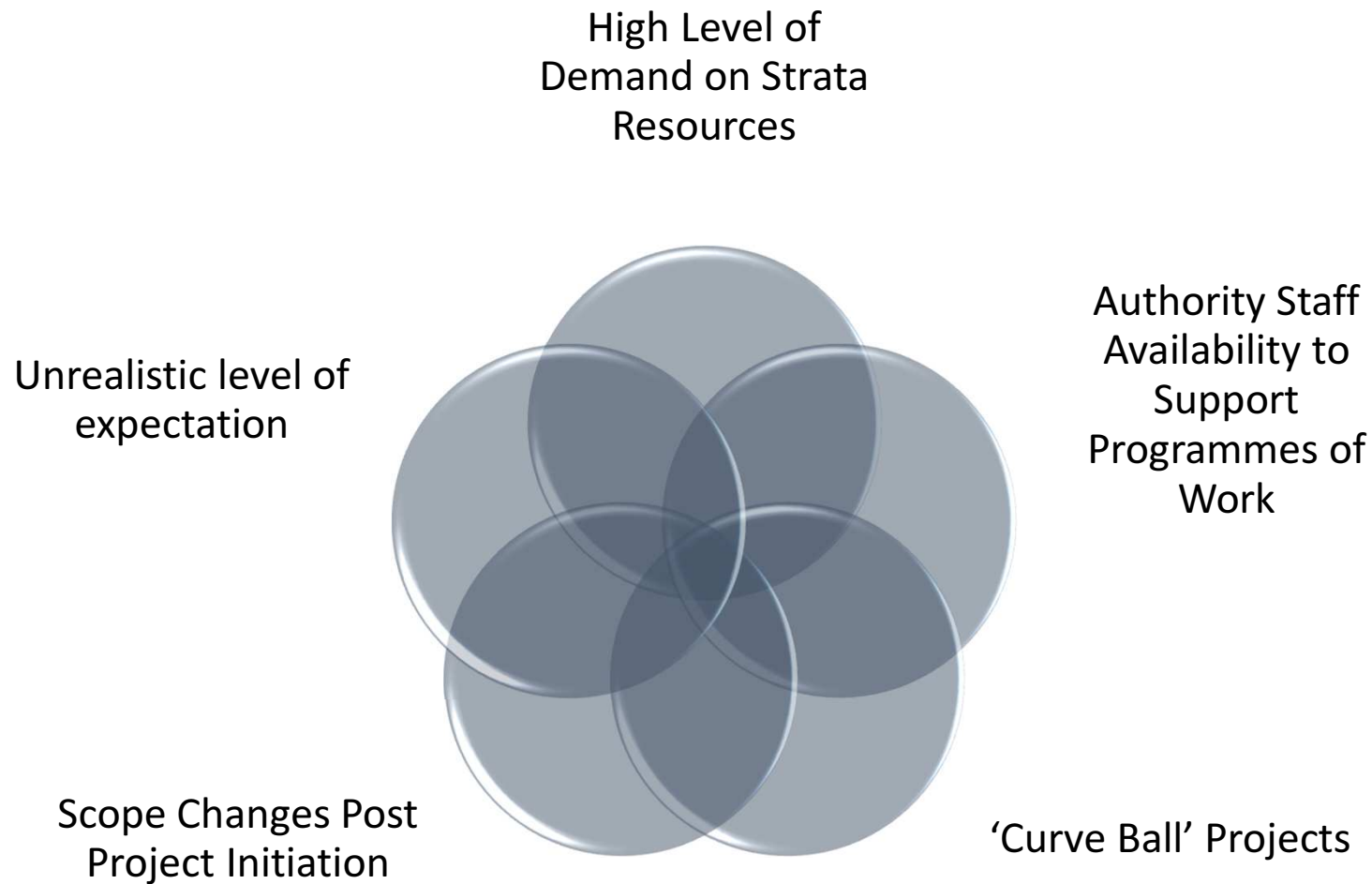
# Convergence Story

## Strata Service Solutions Ltd. Convergence Update



# engines – 2019 / 2020

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# Questions

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