



**Joint Executive Committee / Joint Scrutiny Committee – Initiative Update**

<b>Meeting</b>	Strata Joint Scrutiny Committee (JSC) Strata Joint Executive Committee (JEC)
<b>Date</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 (JSC) 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 (JEC)
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Strata Business Plan Update</b>
<b>Update</b>	<p>In line with Strata procedures, Strata are currently working on the Business Plan for 2020 / 2021 and beyond. This plan builds on the Business Plan which was written from the 'ground up' in 2019/2020.</p> <p>The new Business plan is expected to be released to each authority in draft format in mid-January in preparation for discussion / approval in March 2020.</p> <p>It is not envisaged that the financial impact of Strata will have changed much from that presented back in early 2019.</p> <p>The plan is based around building on the 'solid foundations' that have been created over the last five years. With a flexible, stable and scalable IT environment, supported by skilled resource and sound processes, the authorities can now look to further exploit the environment for organisational benefit. It has been demonstrated that both ECC and EDDC have been able to undertake significant organisational change (relocation) through the exploitation of the Global Comms and Global Desktop environments, these change programmes would not have been possible without the foundations having been put into place.</p> <p>The plan will look to present the new 'allocated resource model' as discussed with each authority and how this impacts on resource availability from within the Business Systems team to support project work.</p> <p>It will also present back options for Business Intelligence, and how the authorities could move forward with the creation of better informed decision making through more effective use of data and reporting.</p> <p>Art of the Possible and Innovation will also be presented to allow the authorities to start to explore how technology could better support the transformation agenda. This initiative will see Strata and the authorities looking to understand more about changes in Local Government and areas where authorities outside of the partnership are exploiting technologies.</p>

	<p>During 2020/2021 we are also going to be embarking on a number of benchmarking activities to compare the service we deliver against other similar organisations delivering IT services into Local Government. Whilst external audit activities are showing Strata to be performing well, we still believe that there is scope of further improvements now that the solid foundations have been laid.</p> <p>The new plan will also enable a review of the costings and deliverable savings as outlined in the 2019/2020 plan to be checked and updated in line with now 'known' costs.</p>
<b>Related Documents</b>	N/A