

**CONNECTED KNOWLEDGE UPDATE**

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**Cabinet Member for Commercialisation and Business Transformation**

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Cabinet on the progress made in implementing the Connected Knowledge Strategy, which is being done in a phased approach, starting in May 2017.
- 1.2 The Council's Digital Strategy Manager will be attending the meeting to give Members a presentation on the progress made to date and to answer questions/queries on any technical aspects.

**2 Recommendations**

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| 2.1 Cabinet is asked to note the progress made to date in implementing Phase 1 of the Connected Knowledge Strategy. |
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**3 Supporting Information**

- 3.1 The full Connected Knowledge Technology Strategy 2017-2022 was agreed at the 22 February 2017 Council meeting. Delivery of the strategy will enable AVDC to continue to be at the vanguard of innovative thinking, delivering excellent customer service, making savings in service delivery and generating income by both supporting general commercial opportunities, and providing consultancy services to other councils. Following agreement of the Strategy, Cabinet received a further report on 'Connected Knowledge Investment Proposal' on 11 April 2017 and approved funding so that work could continue on implementing the strategy.
- 3.2 The Strategy would be delivered over a five year period. Phase one covers the period up to the end of 2017. The learning from phase one will be factored into the proposals for subsequent phases.
- 3.3 Cabinet will be updated on the progress made in implementing the Connected Knowledge Strategy. The Council's Digital Strategy Manager will be attending the meeting to give Members a presentation and to answer questions on any technical aspects.
- 3.4 Details of the full Connected Knowledge Strategy can be found on the AVDC website at <https://www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk/technology-strategy>

**4 Reason(s) for Decisions**

- 4.1 To note the progress made in implementing Connected Knowledge, which is in accordance with the approval given by Cabinet and Council.

**5 Alternative Options Considered**

- 5.1 None, not to progress with the implementation would be contrary to the Council's previously stated objectives.

**6 Resource implications**

- 6.1 The resource implications were set out in the report to Cabinet on 11 April 2017. Further details of the investment approved by Cabinet were contained in the confidential part of that Cabinet agenda. At this stage it is expected that both costs and benefits will change as work continues on the developing plans for future years.