

# **Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority**

MEETING	Overview and Audit Committee	
DATE OF MEETING	14 September 2016	
OFFICER	Julian Parsons, Head of Service Development	
LEAD MEMBER	Councillor Andy Dransfield	
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Business and Systems Integration Project: Progress Report	
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	Since the last Overview and Audit Committee meeting there has been the following activity:	
	We have awarded the Premises Risk Management system to Active Informatics.	
	<ul> <li>Active Informatics' offer a well-developed system with fire and rescue service functionality and they currently work with Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service</li> </ul>	
	This will allow us to move away from our existing standalone, unstable system and offer staff a user friendly, modern and mobile solution.	
	The Finance/ HR & Payroll system elements are now moving at pace:	
	<ul> <li>Implementation plans completed and signed off factoring in resource availability; (See Appendix E for Go Live dates)</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Following a number of workshops involving end users, the initial system design has been completed;</li> </ul>	
	Spend across the BASI project remains on track and within budget. Regular reviews are completed with the finance team. (See Appendix D for Spend breakdown)	
	At the time of completing this report the current activities are underway:	
	<ul> <li>Premises Risk Management contract being completed by the procurement team;</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Both suppliers have started building the Finance, HR &amp; Payroll system to BFRS service specification;</li> </ul>	
	Finance/HR & Payroll training for super users is ongoing over the next couple of month.	

ACTION	For information.	
RECOMMENDATIONS	That the report is noted.	
RISK MANAGEMENT	The project risks will be contained within a project risk register.  Current project risks can be seen in Appendix A –	
	Highlight report – July 2016.	
	The governance of this register, including escalations will be in line with existing service policy.	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no further financial implications related to the project identified in this paper.	
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	There are no further legal implications related to the project identified in this paper.	
CONSISTENCY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF COLLABORATION	Opportunities for collaboration have been actively sought and considered during the procurement phase of the project.	
	Collaboration has been explored with RBFRS and OXFRS. Further collaboration was explored with Oxford City Council and Reading Council. None of these potential collaborations have led to formal agreements due to various issues around differing needs and timings.	
	Oxford City Council have been named on the Premises Risk Management Tender.	
	Agreements of information sharing have been made with the other potential partners.	
HEALTH AND SAFETY	No Health and Safety implications perceived at this time.	
EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY	No Equality and Diversity implications identified at this time.	
USE OF RESOURCES	The project is managed by the Project Manager. The Project Manager is proactively using existing skills and experience within the workforce to move the project forward.	
	A HR resource supports HR & Payroll implementation.	
	A Finance, HR & Payroll implementation and training plan is now in place based on the resources available.	
	Agreement reached to release Operational resource to support the implementation of the Premises Risk Management system from October 2016	
	Staff are being kept abreast of progress through the i:drive and blogs. A full communication strategy will be implemented as part of the roll out of the new systems and in line with the project plan which has to	

	be agreed with the suppliers.			
PROVENANCE SECTION	Background			
& BACKGROUND PAPERS	As part of the ICT Strategy 2014-2019 an independent review of systems integration was commissioned. An external consultant undertook this task and delivered a business case which was formally agreed to be progressed by the Executive Committee Meeting 29 July 2015.			
	The project is scheduled to be delivered in phases over a two year period.			
	Background Papers			
	• ICT Strategy 2014-2019			
	Business and Systems Terms of Reference			
	Business and Systems Integration Business case			
	<ul> <li>Business and Systems Integration Project: Governance Reporting Arrangements (18 November 2015)</li> </ul>			
APPENDICES	Appendix A: Highlight Report – July 2016			
	Appendix B: Highlight Report – June 2016			
	Appendix C: Highlight Report – May 2016			
	Appendix D: Spend Breakdown			
	Appendix E: Go Live Dates			
TIME REQUIRED	5 Minutes.			
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# Appendix A: Sponsor Highlight Report - July 2016

# Business & Systems Integration project – July 2016

Business Owner: Project Manager: Business Sponsors: Julian Parsons Anne-Marie Carter Lynne Swift David Sutherland

## **Project Objectives:**

To streamline, automate and integrate systems and business processes across:

Community Fire Safety, Resource Management, Asset Management, HR, Payroll, Finance & Planning

Data duplication with be reduced and the efficiency and effectiveness of both our processes and MI will increase



**Finance** 



Plan



Risks & Issues



Scope



Resources



#### Exec Summary - Past Period's Activities

#### Finance

- PID signed off
- Implementation plan signed off
- System build started
- Training plan completed

#### HR & Payroll

- Carly Humphrey joined the team as HR/Payroll Project support
- HR and payroll team attended 3 day intro workshop
- Training plan completed
- Implementation plan signed off
- Blueprint for Payroll and Absence completed
- System build started
- Draft structure build completed

#### PRM

- Costs agreed and moved in to 10 days standstill period
- Contract awarded to Active Informatics
- Agreed Operational Resource support for the project, funded from current budget, starts
   Oct
- Started to review Risk Data currently held, this will take until Dec'16

#### **Key Milestones**

Milestone	Forecast/ Actual	RAG
Project Kick off Meeting with Capita/MHR and senior end users	Early May	
Premises Risk Management Supplier agreed	End of June	
Next BTB	19 <sup>th</sup> May	
Next O&A	27 <sup>th</sup> Jul	

# Key Decisions Required:

None

# **Priorities for Next Period - August**

#### Finance

- Start training GL/BDM/Job costing
- Continue with system build

#### HR & Payroll

- Visit other FRS with iTrent to gain insight into how the system operates and implementation learnings
- Extract data from SAP in prep for transfer
- Sign off structure builder
- Start training Automating your processes

#### PRM

- Complete contract negotiations
- Continue with Risk data review
- Agree how risk data should be managed

#### Key Risks & Issues

Risk/ Issue	RAG	Description	Mitigating Action	Next Action
R		working that impact BASI	Continue to engage with Stakeholders Support from Sponsors to encourage their team to engage BASI team on new WOW and systems early in the process	Ongoing
R		Budget Management	Review monthly	Ongoing

# Appendix B: Sponsor Highlight Report - June 2016

# **Business & Systems Integration project – June 2016**

Business Owner: Project Manager: Business Sponsors: Julian Parsons Anne-Marie Carter Lynne Swift David Sutherland

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#### Exec Summary - Past Period's Activities

#### Finance

- Scoping completed via 2 day workshop
- Spreadsheets completed for data move to Integra
- Implementation plan drafted

#### HR & Pavroll

- SAP data cleanse completed
- Pre work completed in prep for supplier being on site
- Implementation plan drafted

#### PRM

- 6 suppliers presented
- Tender group agreed supplier

#### Other

Started talks with B.C.C to support with migration away from SAP

# Key Decisions Required:

- None

#### Priorities for Next Period - July

#### Finance

- Build system
  - Sign off implementation and training plans

#### HR & Payroll

- HR & Payroll team to attend 3 days workshop for an intro to iTrent
- Scope and start build of system
- Sign off implementation and training plans

#### PRM

- Negotiate costs and move in to 10 days standstill

# **Key Milestones**

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Risk/ Issue	RAG	Description	Mitigating Action	Next Action
R			Work with Stakeholders to build implementation plan     Agreement reached on HR resources needed and backfill plan/costs	Closed
R		Budget Management	Review monthly	Ongoing

# Appendix C: Sponsor Highlight Report - May 2016

# **Business & Systems Integration project – May 2016**

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## Exec Summary - Past Period's Activities

#### Finance

- Kick off meeting held
- PID completed covering Finance, HR & Payroll
- Process maps complete for As-Is and To-Be

#### HR & Payroll

- Agreed HR Resource support for the project, funded from current budget, starts 4th July
- SAP Data cleanse started
- Kick off meeting held

#### PRM

- 8 responses received to tender
- Tenders evaluated with 6 suppliers invited to present

#### Other

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# Key Decisions Required:

- None

#### Priorities for Next Period - June

Finance, HR & Payroll

- Complete system design document

#### HR & Payroll

Complete SAP data cleanse

#### PRM

- Supplier presentations take place
- Tender team to agree supplier

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#### Risks & Issues

Risk/ Issue	RAG	Description	Mitigating Action	Next Action
R		Resource availability	Work with Stakeholders to build implementation plan     Agreement reached on HR resources needed and backfill plan/costs	June
R		Budget Management	Review monthly	Ongoing



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# Appendix D: Spend Breakdown

# Summary:

	2015/16 £000	2016/17 £000	2017/18 £000	Total
Budget		590	410	1,000
Spent	34	51	0	85
Committed		398	159	557
Earmarked		44	314	358
Total	34	493	473	1,000

Contingency of £200k is not needed in 16/17

Please note:

- All figures as at end of July 2016
- Spent = Purchase Order paid
- Committed = Purchase Order raised
- Earmarked = For Asset & Resource Management systems replacement

# **Appendix E: Go Live Dates**

Area	Target Go Live	Tracking
Finance	April 2017	On track
HR - Phase 1	April 2017	On track
HR - Phase 2	August 2017	On track
Payroll	April 2017	On track
	1 <sup>st</sup> Pay run at end of April `17	
Premises Risk Management	TBC - Mid 2017	N/A
Resource Management	TBC - Late 2017	N/A
Asset Management	TBC - Late 2017	N/A

# **System Descriptions:**

Finance: Replacement of SAP covering all areas of Finance and Planning

- HR Phase 1: Replacement of SAP covering Core HR, Absence, Pensions, Costing, Security and Employee and Manager Self Service
- HR Phase 2: Replacement of SAP covering Learning Events, People Development, Discipline and grievance, Dashboards, Org Charting, Recruitment/web recruitment

Payroll: Replacement of SAP covering all Payroll elements

*Premises Risk Management*: Currently some of our key information on premises we visit or need to contain information on, is held in Microsoft Access databases. While these databases have served a purpose they have become increasingly unfit for the demands we put upon them and do not operate efficiently in our current environment. The new database will allow much more advanced collection and management of data. This is mainly in these key areas:

Home Fire and Risk Checks and prevention activities;

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- Site Specific Risk Information. This is the data used by our firefighters when attending operational incidents;
- Fire Protection Audits. This is the data collected as part of our activities in enforcing fire safety regulations in commercial premises.

The new software will allow us to collect and manage data in a completely paperless way by using mobile technology.