

Government Connect

End of stage II Project Report

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Purpose

The information in the Mandate is used to trigger *Starting up a project (SU)*". It should contain sufficient information to identify at least the prospective Executive of the Project Board and indicate the subject matter of the project. It will be used to create the Project Brief.

Derivation

A Project Mandate may come from anywhere, but it should come from a level of management that can authorise the cost and resource usage. It is input to *Starting Up a Project (SU)*.

Quality Criteria

- The level of authority is commensurate with the anticipated size, risk and cost of the project

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1 Project Objective

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- To achieve compliance with Government Connect Code of Conduct within the required timescale.
- Ensure Breckland Council achieves compliance at re-assessment.

Implementation

High level deliverables

- 1) Implement technical and non-technical solutions in order to meet the timescales required for implementation of Government Connect.
- 2) Ensure project remains within budget
- 3) Ensure re-assessment against CoCo 3.2 is achieved

2 Review of Benefits Achieved to date (if any)

The Government Connect programme (under the authority of the Department of Works and Pensions) started for Breckland Council in September 2008 with an assessment of Breckland Councils internal technology and working practices against the Code of Connection (CoCo) version 3.2. The results of the assessment identified areas which failed to meet the requirements of the CoCo and as such a program of works was implemented to achieve compliance for Breckland Council over a given period of time.

Phase II of the GCSx project has focussed on the continuation of implementing both technical and non-technical elements of the code of connection for version 3.2 of the CoCo.

Implementation of the technical solutions has progressed with many of the requirements being implemented, these include local drive encryption on laptops and home workers desktops within the local Authority, two factor authentication (2FA) together with the Citrix remote access solution to replace the ageing Watchguard firewall and VPN, improved system logging across all systems to meet the IM22 memo on system logging, undertaking of both internal ICT health check on the Breckland council local area network (LAN) and external penetration test, implementation of the DTA file transfer server for user by ARP for file exchange with the Department of Works and Pensions (DWP).

The result is that Breckland Council is able to utilise the GCSx network for the transfer of electronic information between central Government and other local Authorities. This information exchange currently takes the form of access to the DWP Customer Information System (CIS), file transfer between Breckland Council and the DWP utilising the DTA sever, use of secure email transmission up to restricted status via the GCSx network. Additional uses for GCSx are becoming available on a continuing basis and the expectation is that more central Government

services will be accessible to Breckland Council via the GCSx over the coming 12 months.

3 Performance Against Tolerances

Time	Earlier but no later than the 1 st April 09 for initial Government Connect compliance.	Achieved
	Within the timescale of the Government Connect re-assessment schedule.	Achieved
Cost	Cost tolerance to be agreed	Achieved
Quality	Must not affect normal business processes/uptime	Achieved
Scope	Complete configuration and successfully connect via GovConnect	Achieved
Benefits	No tolerance set.	N/A
Risk	Any high likelihood/high impact risk to be escalated.	Achieved

4 Post implementation Review Plan/Date (if any)

Government Connect have been working on the next release of the CoCo, version 4.1.1. Breckland Council, along with all other local Authorities will have to implement CoCo 4.1.1 when released. Early indications are that Breckland will be assessed against CoCo 4.1.1 in December 2010. This assessment will require a large number of additional technical and non-technical solutions to be implemented. Work on CoCo 4.1.1 should start immediately to ensure maximum time is available to work on implementing the requirements of the latest CoCo.

- December 2010 – Formal assessment against CoCo 4.1.1
- September 2010 - Siemens Enterprise start assessment process for Breckland council
- March 2010 – Internal review of Breckland Council against CoCo 4.1.1