

TO: **EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE - 21 SEPTEMBER 2004**

SUBJECT: **ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO NEW POSTS FOR THE WARWICKSHIRE
ONLINE PARTNERSHIP (WOLP) PROGRAMME: PROCESS MANAGER
AND TECHNICAL MANAGER**

FROM: **CUSTOMER INFORMATION AND ADVICE DIRECTORATE**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval for the creation of two fixed term posts on the establishment:
WOLP Process Manager (Post No W05200)
WOLP Technical Manager (Post No W05300)

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In 2002 the six local authorities in Warwickshire (5 Districts and the County Council) were jointly awarded £2 million over 2 years for the development of e-government related projects but particularly a Joint Contact Centre approach. To help implement that award the local authorities formed a partnership (Warwickshire Online Partnership) and appointed a Programme Manager. In order to fund the Partnership beyond the two year grant period, this Council agreed to contribute some of its E-Government budget to fund the continuation of the Programme Manager's post (£13,000) for two years and to other joint projects (£50,000) from the Council's capital allocation for E-Government. This was agreed at the Full Council in January 2004. All other authorities in the partnership committed to the same level of contribution.
- 2.2 Warwick District Council now acts as the employer for the Programme Manager post as agreed by Employment Committee on 6 April 2004. Executive held on 28 July 2004 requested that Employment Committee be asked to approve the creation of two new time limited temporary posts on the Council's establishment, providing that all partners agree to contribute financially. Partners approved full funding of the posts at the WOLP Board meeting held on 26 May 2004. Gratings for the posts will be determined through the Hay Job Evaluation Scheme as normal.

3. POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK

- 3.1 Each of the 6 authorities has agreed to the cost of the posts being drawn from the £50,000 each council will contribute to the WOLP development programme for two years. The joint fund is held and administered by this Council on behalf of the Partnership.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Members approve the proposals detailed in Section 2 of the report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report to Executive 28 July 2004, Employment Committee April 2004, Full Council
January 2004

Areas in District Affected: All

Key Decision: No

Included in Forward Plan: No

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