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Subject: Peter Wilding's Response to the Action placed on him to reinstate the IT Advisory Panel at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting on 14 November
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Dear Committee Members,

I am responding to the action placed on me to re-instate the IT Advisory Panel at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting on 14th November. I have discussed this with Diane Shepherd and Jane Dodsworth, and I am not convinced that re-instating the IT Advisory Panel is the correct approach for the following reasons:

1. I don't believe that there is a business case to re-instate the IT Advisory Panel.
2. The Business Improvement Board deals with ICT innovation and efficiencies and this would be a duplication. The Business Improvement Board has been set up since the IT Advisory Panel was closed down.
3. Since 2015, the Asset Replacement Programme has been considered by Cabinet as part of the Budget spending plans, this has reduced the business for the IT Advisory Panel.
4. An IT Advisory Panel would add another layer of bureaucracy and detract senior staff from delivering projects.
5. There must have been good reasons for closing down the Advisory Panel in 2015.

I was thinking that rather than re-starting an enduring Advisory Panel, which would require a Cabinet decision, it might be more sensible to set up a task and finish group composed of the previous IT Advisory Panel members to review the ICT Strategy before it goes to Cabinet in the New Year.

I hope you agree with my reasoning.

Peter