REPORT TO:	Executive Board Sub Committee
DATE:	23 September 2010
REPORTING OFFICER:	Strategic Director – Resources
TITLE:	ICT Hardware and Software Maintenance and Development Capital Programme 2010/2011
WARDS:	Borough Wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide an update to Members of the Board on progress on the ICT Capital Programme.

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the report be noted and that a further progress report be brought to the Board in 6 months' time.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 The attached appendix, documents the future spend profile for the ICT Hardware and Software Maintenance and Development Capital programme for the financial year 2010/2011.

3.2 The appendix details the technical requirement, the associated capital investment for each requirement, the revenue implication and related risk analysis.

4.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 The strategy plan for ICT Services includes the following key priorities:

- Ensures that ICT across the Council is supported in the most appropriate and efficient way.
- Supports the Council in maximising efficiency through the best use of ICT.
- Maximises the use of existing ICT resources.
- Ensures that the ICT Infrastructure is sustainable.

4.2 Utilisation of the annual capital allocation is essential to maintain and enhance the Council's ICT capabilities.

5.0   POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1   None.

6.0   OTHER IMPLICATIONS

6.1   The investments outlined within this report can be met from existing resources.

7.0   IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

7.1   **Children and Young People in Halton**

See 7.6

7.2   **Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

See 7.6

7.3   **A Healthy Halton**

See 7.6

7.4   **A Safer Halton**

See 7.6

7.5   **Halton's Urban Renewal**

7.6   All applications associated with the management and delivery of the key services and priorities are underpinned by the use of technology, the authority's technology infrastructure supports service delivery and the achievement of Council priorities.

8.0   RISK ANALYSIS

8.1   The consequences associated with delays in maintenance and replacement could impose considerable issues upon the individual directorates and overarching authority wide objectives through the loss of systems or the failure of the current support infrastructure.

8.2   Disaster recovery arrangements are now in place through the reciprocal partnership arrangements with Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council; ongoing efforts make this a clear focus for the department into the future.

8.3   The investment outlined in this report will assist the Council in meeting its Code of Connection obligations. The Council was deemed compliant with Level 4.1 of the Code of Connection on 14 June 2010.

9.0   EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

9.1   All applications associated with the management and delivery of the key services and priorities are underpinned by the use of technology, the authorities' technology infrastructure supports such services and key priorities.

10.0   LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

10.1   www.govconnect.gov.uk.

The public interest in not disclosing is that the report will involve disclosure of information relating to the specific technical nature of the configuration of the technical infrastructure. As such this would pose a security threat and would impact upon the overall integrity of this asset and the data held within.

11.3   **Conclusion**

The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.