

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
02/02/2022

1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

The strategies have been refreshed to reflect the direction of travel for the Council over the next 3 years in delivering the ambitious plans for digital learning, the authorities Digital Transformation Strategy and to underpin the Council's vision of a "A Digitally enabled Carmarthenshire".

The three-year Digital Schools Strategy outlines where we intend to take the ICT provision within schools over the coming years, to ensure that schools have the appropriate technology to deliver the Digital Competence Framework and the Curriculum for Wales. The overarching principals of the Digital Schools Strategy 2022-2025 are:

- HWB FIRST, CLOUD FIRST APPROACH towards our teaching and learning resources
- Align our Schools ICT provision to the EDUCATIONAL DIGITAL STANDARDS as directed by Welsh Government
- Improve EQUITY OF ACCESS TO DIGITAL LEARNING RESOURCES for our learners
- RATIONALISE AND CONSOLIDATE TO HWB at every opportunity
- Adoption of NEW AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES
- IMPLEMENT ALL CHANGES in a methodical and controlled manner
- Add value through COLLABORATION

The Digital Technology Strategy 2022-2025 sets out the Authority's technology priorities and aspirations over the next 3 years. It identifies the key technologies and initiatives that will facilitate and underpin the vision and delivery of the organisations Digital Transformation Strategy. The overarching principals of the Digital Technology Strategy 2022-2025 are:

- Pro-actively to deal with emerging cyber threats, in terms of underlying infrastructure required to secure our systems and also staff awareness and training, cyber incident exercises and procedures.
- Ensure we have a robust and resilient infrastructure at the heart of everything we do
- Implement all changes in a methodical and controlled manner
- Take advantage of potential benefits and efficiencies through the active investigation, pursuit, and adoption of new and emerging technologies.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Noelwyn Daniel

Head of ICT & Corporate Policy

A 'virtual' Digital Transformation Seminar was held in December 2020 and attended by over 150 senior officers and Heads of Service from across the Authority. The COVID pandemic and delay of the Digital Transformation Strategy refresh due last year has allowed time for a wider consultation and greater input from key stakeholders and service areas; collaborating and working closely with Media and Marketing, Customer Services and TIC on this revised strategy.

Consultation has been done with primary and secondary school heads during 2021 on the Digital School's Strategy.

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Digital Technology Strategy 2018-2021 (previous strategy)		https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/1213936/digi_tech_strat_doc.pdf
Digital School Strategy 2018-2021 (previous strategy)		https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/media/1213938/schools_strat_doc.pdf