COMMUNITY SERVICES – EDUCATION COMPUTER SERVICE REVIEW.

1.   SUMMARY

The audit of the Education Network which was undertaken by Audit Scotland in 2004/2005. Items 2, 6 & 7 of the subsequent report highlighted the need for action in specific areas.

2.   RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1   The contents of this report are noted by the Audit Committee.

3.   DETAILS

3.1   The report by Audit Scotland highlighted several areas as "High" priority to be addressed by the ICT Development Manager.

3.2.   Item 2 specified that staff other than the schools ICT Technician could, in theory,
1   install software on schools PC's As part of on-going development work the schools have more securely controlled Network Domains that limit the activities of any non-technical staff. This is in line with Corporate ICT Policies. Additionally, the report made reference to potential infringements of Software Licensing rules: The purchased Audit Software and the planned rollout of the software over the summer months will address this threat.

3.3   Item 6 specified that the existing configuration of the Schools Networks was open to potential breaches. This issue is being addressed with the deployment of Virtual Local Area Network (VLAN). This will be rolled out prior to the new academic year.

3.4   Item 7 specified that a small number of staff were unaware of the need for strong passwords. This issue has been discussed by the ICT Steering Group and the ICT & Financial Services' Server Team has been instructed to deploy stronger password controls for the new academic year.

4.   **CONCLUSIONS**

The issues identified as "HIGH Priority" in the report by Audit Scotland have now been addressed.

5.   **IMPLICATIONS**

5.1   Policy: None

5.2   Financial: None

5.3   Personnel: None

5.4   Legal: None

5.5   Equal Opportunities: None

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