

ITEM 11: AZURE MIGRATION

COMMENTS FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

On 19 December 2019, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board considered the report and agreed to support the recommendations to the Executive Councillor.

The following points were confirmed:

- Microsoft Azure achieves resilience without the Council carrying the cost of duplicating services across geographic locations. As Microsoft has a global footprint, it can move the service to another data centre to balance loads and deal with any issues with availability in our primary location.
- Microsoft has a security rating for its data centres which is assessed as exceeding the Council's requirements and is used by a number of Government departments.
- The potential saving of £897k per annum was welcomed by the Board.