

Finance & General Purposes Committee Notes
Wednesday 15th March

Present: David Ribbens, Tony Sneller, Chris Dawe, Hilary Spencer.

The meeting was called to review the proposals outlined in the attached paper re Staffing and IT, following e-mail discussions to clarify issues.

Staffing

HS restated the recommendations covered by the paper and confirmed that it would not result in any loss of capacity for the Development or Admin/Comms teams.

DECISION: F&GP supported the proposals

ACTION: HS to inform wider Board and begin recruitment

IT

HS provided further information resulting from ongoing discussions with Fenton's. This included costings in relation to a 'Cloud' based solution, clarification re the spec for the server and information about upgrading existing laptops.

Following discussion it was agreed to explore the cloud option with a view to taking this forward. HS to contact Coastal WS MIND who are using a cloud system set up by Fenton's and feedback.

DECISION: Agreement to update the system – HS to make further enquiries as to the best option for VAAC.

ACTION: HS contacted Coastal WS MIND – positive feedback re cloud, although they do not use a database or accounting package as we do.

HS to update wider Board.

HS has set up a meeting with SW/KS and James Fenton to clarify that the cloud system will meet our needs – HS will then confirm her final recommendation to F&GP and take action as needed

Funding update

HS confirmed that VAAC had been unsuccessful in the bids for the Sparks programme in partnership with the University of Chichester and the Social Prescribing bid with CDC.

However Littlehampton Town Council has confirmed a 3 year SLA @ £ 1500/year The WS Pathfinder Alliance have confirmed the 1 year contract and the tender in partnership with the University of Chichester was successful and has been confirmed.

KS has also produced the attached in relation to a specific sponsorship opportunity – but this can be adapted for future use.