

Progress Update – Review of Meetings Venues

No	Recommendation	Responsibility	Anticipated Completion Date/ Completion Date	Evidence of Progress 20/04/10	Assessment of Progress 20/04/10	Evidence of Progress 20/07/10	Assessment of Progress 20/07/10
5	That the use of telephone conference calling be promoted for smaller meetings in order to reduce the pressure on conference facilities, unnecessary travelling and car journeys and, subject to available resources, the use of video calling be considered as a further alternative.	Ian Miles, Head of ICT	July 2007 / October 2007 (further feedback on pilot scheme to be provided to future meeting)	<p>A revised NextiraOne Proposal was received on 01/03/10, and following review by both the Business Analyst and Technology Architect was deemed unsuitable due to excessive pilot costs (£80K+), further discussions have taken place with NextiraOne and they are to submit an alternative proposal (received 01/04/10 but not reviewed yet).</p> <p>We have also engaged with several other possible providers to provide alternative approaches and quotes (Saville Videoconferencing, ANS Group, POSTcti Unified Communications Specialists) and their proposals are expected within the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>Following discussions with suppliers there would appear to be two distinct approaches, true Video Conferencing or Unified Communications. Xentrall ICT is awaiting the supplier proposals before recommending the appropriate route for Stockton, and will develop a project plan accordingly.</p>	3 - Slipped	<p>Our engagement with alternative suppliers resulted in a wide range of alternative options from very basic to comprehensive solutions ranging in costs from approx. £10k to £140k; Unified Communications appears to be the current direction for this technology but also life size video conferencing is also still very current, this wide discrepancy in feedback from the suppliers has raised the issue that we need to be clear and specific with our requirements when we issue our Request for Quotations.</p> <p>Our Request for Quotation documents are currently being refined in view of supplier feedback in preparation for submission and we are reviewing the impact on our proposals as a result of the successful RIEP Video Conferencing bid lead by Redcar & Cleveland (which covers Stockton). This bid may deliver some of our requirements, or we may be able to procure equipment from their subsequent tender provision. Talks are currently on-going with Redcar & Cleveland.</p>	3 - Slipped