

## Management Boards

### A converged digital parliamentary network: scope of the programme

*Paper from the SRO*

#### Purpose

1. This paper presents the Management Boards with a statement of the scope of the programme. This follows on from an earlier paper describing the vision of the programme which was tabled in December 2010 by the Director of PICT.

#### Actions for the Management Boards

2. The Management Boards are asked to note the scope that the Programme Board has identified (paragraphs 5-7), and to redirect if required.

#### Background

3. The Management Boards of the Commons and Lords have agreed that an outline business case for a converged digital parliamentary network should be prepared. Should it be approved a full business case will then be prepared, for submission in summer 2012.
4. Following the agreement of an SRO – John Borley – the Programme Board has been established<sup>1</sup> and has been meeting monthly since February 2011.

#### In Scope

5. The programme will include:
  - a. The installation of all required copper and fibre cabling and all its associated ducting in the Palace and all parliamentary buildings, providing bandwidth needed for current and future business needs.
  - b. The installation of all required switches and routers.
  - c. The provision of wireless coverage appropriate to the business need.
  - d. The removal of redundant cabling, switches and routers.
  - e. Establishing appropriate management arrangements for the converged network, including a design authority function and an operational management function.
  - f. Management of the migration of functions from existing platforms onto the converged network

#### Out of Scope

6. The programme will not itself deliver the business functions that will be carried on the network: their procurement, operation and maintenance will be out of

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<sup>1</sup> [S.40]

scope. But the network programme will establish a set of standards that are to be adhered to by any application seeking to use it; and in due course it will remove any other existing network cabling. So although business related, networked ICT functions are out of scope, the newly created network authority will provide technical assistance and guidance to all business cases and ensure a good fit for overall technical and business strategy. It will manage and be responsible for the technical aspects of the transition and migration of all networks on behalf of Parliament.

7. The creation of the new converged network will also provide opportunities for new and enhanced services. While the Programme will, as far as possible, allow for likely developments in their planning, the initiative for these will need to come from the relevant business areas and they are thus out of the scope of the Programme.

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