
Education and Training Committee, 14 November 2013

Education System Build Major Project

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to provide the Committee with an update on the progress of the Education System Build (ESB) major project since its last meeting on 12 September 2013. The ESB project intends to deliver a new information system and refined business processes to the Education Department.

Progress report

The project build phase commenced at the end of September 2013 following the sign off of the Project Initiation Document (PID) by the Executive Management Team. The PID defined the detail of the project delivery, the necessary quality of the products, how changes will be communicated and funded and the required activities needed to complete the project.

The external suppliers will begin to build the system in early November with the project team currently undertaking preparatory tasks and relevant training. The chosen approach to the build will see the constituent components of the system being built in series. Following a component being built, the project team will test it, before feeding back to the supplier with fixes being made where necessary. It is proposed this will happen in seven cycles. This approach should improve the efficiency of the build as feedback from earlier cycles can positively impact upon the cycles to be completed, in terms of both the system design and the project teams' approach to testing.

The timelines for the project have been amended through the project initiation phase. The project build phase now completes in April 2015. This is in part due to the complexity and scale of the build. It is also to ensure that the project team has sufficient time to test and feedback between cycles, with an appropriate amount of contingency included in the plan. The proceeding phases have been adjusted accordingly.

The key phases of the project are currently:

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| 1. Project initiation | January – September 2013 |
| 2. Build and business change | September – January 2015 |
| 3. Deployment | January 2015 – April 2015 |
| 4. Close of project and business as usual | April 2015 |

Decision

This paper is for information only. No decision is required.

Background information

- Education Department work plan 2012-13
- Education Department work plan 2013-14
- Education and Training Committee – 7 March 2013
- Education and Training Committee – 6 June 2013
- Education and Training Committee – 12 September 2013

Resource implications

The resources were, and have been accounted for in the Education Department work plans for 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 respectively.

The current project team is as follows:

Project Sponsor:	Brendon Edmonds
Project Lead:	Paula Lescott
Project Manager:	Paul Nevin
Senior Suppliers:	Guy Gaskins and Richard Watling
Senior User:	Matthew Nelson

Financial implications

The specific project budget is accounted for as part of the major projects budget for 2013-2014.

Appendices

None

Date of paper

25 October 2013