Report No. RES13029	**London Borough of Bromley**
	PART ONE - PUBLIC

Decision Maker:	**EXECUTIVE AND RESOURCES** **POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**
Date:	**Thursday 31 January 2013**
Decision Type:	Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key
Title:	**NEW TECHNOLOGY WORKING GROUP - UPDATE**
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Ward:	N/A

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1. <u>Reason for report</u>

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on progress with implementing the recommendations of the New Technology Working Group, which reported in May 2011. The recommendations were subsequently supported by the Executive in June 2011.

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2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Committee is requested to consider progress with the implementation of the report of the New Technology Working Group.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:

2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council:

Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Estimated Cost: Potential costs were identified in the Working Group's report.

2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:

3. Budget head/performance centre: Implementation costs affect various budgets.

4. Total current budget for this head: £N/A

5. Source of funding:

Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional):   N/A

2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A

Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:

2. Call-in: Not Applicable: This report does not involve an executive decision.

Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): All residents and users of Council services are potentially affected by the proposals.

Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable

2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not applicable

3. COMMENTARY

3.1 The New Technology Working Group was set up by this Committee in July 2010 to consider how developments in new technology could be applied to the Council's services, and reported in May 2011. The Chairman was Cllr Will Harmer and the other members were Cllrs Nicholas Bennett, Judi Ellis, Roxy Fawthrop and Kate Lymer. The Working Group's recommendations were subsequently supported by the Executive in June 2011, and an update on progress was reported to this Committee on 14th November 2011.

3.2 The Working Group was re-convened by this Committee on 18th October 2012 to consider the recommendations made in the fourth report of the Constitution Improvement Working Group relating to IT provision for Members. The Working Group is due to hold a first meeting to review progress and scope its further work on 24th January 2013.

3.3 A table commenting on progress with each of the Working Group's nine recommendations is attached as **Appendix 1**.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy/Financial/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Report of the New Technology Working Group (May 2011) Minutes of the Executive (22nd June 2011) Report to Executive and Resources PDS Committee – New Technology Working Group Update (14th November 2011)