



Subject:	General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
Date:	18 th May 2018
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Restricted Reports				
Is this report restricted?	Yes No X			
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After Committee Decision				
After Council Decision				
Some time in the future				
Never				

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes X No

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues	
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update Members on the preparations by the Council for t	
	new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which comes into force on 25th May	
	2018.	
2.0	Recommendations	
2.1	The Committee is asked to:	
	Note the contents of this report	
	Attend the GDPR awareness training	
3.0	Main report	
3.1	Key Issues	
	The new EU General Data Protection Regulation will replace the current Data Protection	
	Act 1998 and aims to make is easier for people to control their personal data while also	

	making it easier for businesses by having one single set of data protection rules across the		
	EU. The Regulation will apply in the UK regardless of Brexit through the new Data		
	Protection Bill which is presently going through Parliament.		
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3.2	The GDPR introduces stronger rules around the protection of personal data. The key		
	changes of the Regulation are:		
	• Much higher fines: currently the Information Commissioner's Office can issue a		
	Monetary Penalty Notice of up to £500,000 for serious breaches of the Data		
	Protection Act; this will now increase to up to 4% of global annual turnover for the		
	preceding year;		
	Governance: increased responsibility and accountability in organisations on how		
	personal data is collected and processed; carrying out Data Protection Impact		
	Assessments in certain circumstances; designating a Data Protection Officer;		
	notifying the regulator of any data breaches;		
	Privacy notices: privacy notices stating the lawful basis for processing personal		
	data must include certain information		
	Consent: individuals must expressly give consent (if consent is the sole lawful		
	basis)		
	• Shorter time for processing subject access requests: from 40 working days to		
	one calendar month; new ground for refusing to comply if vexatious or excessive		
	request.		
	New rights for individuals: eg the right to receive data electronically in a		
	commonly used format; right to easily transfer data from one service provider to		
	another (data portability); right to have inaccurate data corrected; right to be		
	informed of a data breach;		
3.3	Preparations across the organisation		
	To date a personal data audit across the organisation has been completed; a mandatory		
	staff training programme is currently being delivered; and four key workstreams of		
	preparation work are underway across the departments.		
3.4	Contact lists (where the lawful basis being relied on is consent)		
	Marketing and Corporate Communications is in the process of developing a re-engagement		
	campaign to raise awareness that we require people to register their details with us and		
	explicitly give us their consent for us to contact them. Other organisations are rolling out		
	similar campaigns eg Manchester United's Stay United and Ulster University's Tick the		
	Box. Care will have to be taken to ensure that the re-engagement campaign reaches all		
	sections of our contacts, for example, there is a page outlining the GDPR in the latest		
	edition of City Matters.		

3.5	Training for Members		
	The Information Commissioner's Office recognises that councillors are likely to have three		
	different roles:		
	1. As a member of the council, for example, as a member of a committee		
	2. A representative of constituents of their ward, for example, in dealing with		
	complaints		
	3. They may represent a political party, particularly at election time		
	Training sessions are being held this month for Members, in your capacity as a Member of		
	the council. A video of the training will be available afterwards to watch on the Members'		
	Portal. By way of reminder, as already emailed to Members, the details of the sessions are:		
	Wednesday 16 May at 12.30pm, Lavery Room		
	Thursday 17 May at 12.30pm, Lavery Room		
	Tuesday 22 May at 5.00pm, Lavery Room		
3.6	Governance arrangements		
	The Council must appoint a Data Protection Officer. It is planned to bring a report to SP&R		
	Committee in the coming months to confirm the governance arrangements required under		
	the new GDPR.		
3.7	Financial & Resource Implications		
	This work is being co-ordinated by a project team with staff from the Information		
	Governance Unit, Digital Services, AGRS and Programme Management with additional		
	help from Marketing and Corporate Communications, Legal Services, Corporate		
	Procurement Services and Corporate HR.		
3.8	Equality or Good Relations Implications		
	There may be implications for some section 75 groups regarding the roll-out of the re-		
	engagement campaign which will be identified and addressed through the re-engagement		
	campaign.		
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached		
	None		