

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**PUBLIC REPORT**

Report to:	COUNCIL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Report of:	CITY SOLICITOR
Date of Decision:	9 MAY 2016
SUBJECT:	CMIS-HISTORICAL DATA CLASSIFICATION
Wards affected:	ALL

1. Purpose of report:

To inform the Committee of an option to classify historical 'Public' & 'Private' reports.

2. Decision(s) recommended:

- 2.1 That the Committee note the report and provide guidance as to how they wish to proceed with regards to the suggested option.

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List of Appendices:

None.

List of Background Documents used to compile this Report:

None.

3. Background

- 3.1 At the time of migrating historical data (2004-15 June 2015) from Democracy in Birmingham (DiB) to CMIS there were some software incompatibilities and other technical issues. Faced with these technical challenges as well as the quotation of approximately £14,000 provided by Service Birmingham to manually classify the reports to 'Private' & 'Public', a decision in conjunction with the Deputy Leader was made not to proceed.

There are currently in excess of 20,000 historical documents held within the historical data parameter.

4. Interim arrangements

- 4.1 Whilst reports showing as 'Private' are not an ideal situation, Committee Services are managing approximately 20-30 requests per month from members of the public to view 'Public' reports. The response time for each request is between 24-48 hours.

5. Proposal

- 5.1 Astech has developed software which would classify 'Public' and 'Private' reports. They have provided a quotation of £9,500 which would include developing, testing and deploying. Astech has also confirmed that this is a 'one-off' cost with no 'on-going' cost element.

6. Budgetary constraints

- 6.1 There is no budgetary provision within the Committee & Members Services budget to fund this project.
- 6.2 Head of City Finance-Economy Directorate has also confirmed that due to current budget pressures there are no available funds corporately to support this project.