

Data Compliance Report to P&F July 2023

Progress of Data Protection and Digital Information (No.2) Bill – the Public Bill Committee has now completed their work. Next the Bill proceeds to report stage and third reading on a date to be announced. There is still a long way to go with this Bill as it has to go through the House of Lords and then consideration of any further amendments prior to gaining Royal Assent. In the meantime we continue to work within the current regulations.

Councillor IT devices

As previously reported the IT consultant strongly advises that all Councillors use STC IT devices for Council business to protect themselves and the Council. More Councillors have now accepted STC IT devices and it is hoped that going forward there will eventually be a 100% take up of this offer which strengthens the Councils cyber security.

Annual refresher training

Councillors were sent a compliance check and requested to undertake online refresher training (as advised by the Information Commissioners Office) via Breakthrough Communications. Breakthrough have recently updated their website so an email has been sent with the revised password for those who may have been having issues with access. This may account for the low level of responses. This annual refresher training is very important for the Council to be able to demonstrate that it is compliant to the ICO and Councillors should ensure the training is completed and the signed checklist returned by Friday 14th July 2023.

Council Administration and Buildings

Compliance reviews are continue with systems being tested and refined where appropriate. Signage is also being updated where CCTV systems are in use in public areas.