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**Memorandum for Education and Employment Committee**

**SUBJECT**

**Information and Communication Technology Policy**

Memorandum by Mrs Wendy Benjamin - Director

**ADVICE SOUGHT**

1. **Members of the Education and Employment Committee are asked to review the proposed Information and Communication Technology Policy with a view to endorsing it for use in the Directorate.**

**BACKGROUND & CONSIDERATIONS**

2. The current Digital Strategy has demanded certain key milestones to be met in order for continued funding support to be granted for the continuation of the St. Connected Project. A key milestone for the Directorate is

**SHG to adopt a policy guaranteeing that all school-age children can access free Internet at school sites at certain times**

This policy will provide the evidence needed to support the meeting of the aforementioned key milestone.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3. It is anticipated that there will be no immediate need for additional finances however it is anticipated that there will be benefits in the future when the cable is lit here on St. Helena.

**ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS**

4. Economic benefits in the future.

**CONSISTENCY WITH INVESTMENT POLICY PRINCIPLES**

5. n/a

**PUBLIC / SOCIAL IMPACT**

6. People will have the opportunity to access technology more readily. This can have both positive and negative impacts. It is anticipated that through this policy we can support responsible use of technology for the betterment of St. Helena.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

7. n/a

**PREVIOUS CONSULTATION / COMMITTEE INPUT**

8. This is a new policy

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**PUBLIC  
REACTION**

9. Positive comments anticipated.

**PUBLICITY**

10. This document will involve and be shared with key stakeholders as and when required. Updates will be made public via reports to Education and Employment Committee.

**SUPPORT TO  
STRATEGIC  
OBJECTIVES**

11. This paper supports the National Goal 2. **ALTOGETHER BETTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE** and **ALTOGETHER WEALTHIER**

**LINK TO  
SUSTAINABLE  
ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT  
PLAN GOALS**

Indirectly will help to support sustainable development for St. Helena.

**OPEN /CLOSED  
AGENDA ITEM**

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***DATE OF MEMO***

18 November 2020

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