

DRAFT SAVINGS PROPOSAL

London Borough of Tower Hamlets
Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021-24

Proposal Title:	IT - cancel memberships of LOTI and Gartner		
Reference:	SAV / RES 005 / 21-22	Savings Type:	Reduction in provision
Directorate:	Resources	Savings Service Area:	Central services
Directorate Service:	IT	Strategic Priority Outcome:	11. The Council continuously seeks innovation and strives for excellence to embed a culture of sustainable improvement
Lead Officer and Post:	Adrian Gorst, Divisional Director, IT	Lead Member and Portfolio:	Cllr Candida Ronald, Cabinet Member for Resources and the Voluntary Sector

Financial Impact:	Current Budget 2020-21	Savings/Income 2021-22	Savings/Income 2022-23	Savings/Income 2023-24	Total Savings/Income
Budget (£000)	3,638	(60)	-	-	(60)

Staffing Impact (if applicable):	Current 2020-21	FTE Reductions 2021-22	FTE Reductions 2022-23	FTE Reductions 2023-24	Total FTE Reductions
Employees (FTE) or state N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Proposal Summary:

The IT service benefits from memberships which provide independent advice, information, challenge and collaboration opportunities, however with the IT transformation drawing to an end and sufficient obvious targets for digital transformation there is an opportunity to discontinue the membership of the London Office of Technology and Innovation and Gartner, resulting in a saving of £60,000.

Risk and Mitigations:

Risk of isolation from current and developing thought across London local authorities and more widely leading to falling behind our peers. Mitigated by engagement with lower and no cost memberships of Socitm and the London CDIO council and greater engagement with vendors like Microsoft.

Risk of lowered ambition as not exposed to forward thinking organisations and approaches.

Risk of loss of financial and service opportunities provided by digital transformation in leading authorities.

Resources and Implementation:

No resources required for implementation.

SAVINGS PROPOSAL – BUDGET EQUALITY ANALYSIS SCREENING TOOL

Trigger Questions	Yes / No	If Yes – please provide a brief summary of how this impacts on each protected characteristic as identified in the Equalities Act 2010. This will need to be expanded in a full Equality Analysis at full Business Case stage.
Does the change reduce resources available to address inequality?	No	
Does the change reduce resources available to support vulnerable residents?	No	
Does the change involve direct impact on front line services?	No	
Changes to a Service		
Does the change alter who is eligible for the service?	No	
Does the change alter access to the service?	No	
Changes to Staffing		
Does the change involve a reduction in staff?	No	
Does the change involve a redesign of the roles of staff?	No	<i>If Yes, please complete this section and also refer to HR guidance on staff changes</i>
Summary:		
To be completed at the end of completing the Screening Tool.		
Based on the Screening Tool, will a full EA will be required?	No	
Additional Information and Comments:		