

**HIGHLAND AND ISLANDS FIRE BOARD  
25 AUGUST 2006**

**IT Partnership Progress Report**

**Report by Chief Fire Officer**

Agenda Item	
Report No	

**Background.**

The IT Partnership with Fujitsu will provide an IT network for the Service's 95 Retained stations, providing improved communications with Service managers as well as enhanced access to learning and development material. As part of the project, development of a new Corporate Intranet is also being undertaken.

**Project Plan**

The project has been split into three distinct stages with a total budgeted capital cost of £401,660 (£263,911 relating to 2005/6 and £137,749 relating to 2006/7) and an ongoing annual revenue cost of £82,860.

**Stage 1** – Wide Area Network and Infrastructure Design. Intranet Design. Project plan including budgets for Stage 2.

**Stage 2** - Pilot, with a limited audience of 4 stations for assessment.

**Stage 3** - Implementation and rollout to the remainder of the Service's Retained stations. This will include the provision of a Service Desk for supporting the network.

**Progress**

The project is currently on target and expected to complete in this financial year, both in-time and on budget.

**Stage 1** - Design and infrastructure installation complete, stage 2 costs agreed and planning for stage 3 has commenced. (all within agreed financial tolerances)

**Stage 2** – Pilot is due to commence as agreed.

**Stage 3** - Final planning underway

**Recommendation**

The Board is invited to note the contents of this report.

**BRIAN A MURRAY  
CHIEF FIRE OFFICER  
Date: 23 July 2006**