

Report to Hartlepool Schools' Forum – 22 April 2016  
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## **Northern Grid for Learning**

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1. The current contract with Northern Grid for Learning, providing all schools in Hartlepool with broadband and filtering services, will come to an end in July 2017.
- 1.2. In 2015 Schools' Forum agreed a cost increase of 2.5% for the financial year 2015/16.
- 1.3. It was also agreed that there would be a £50,000 contribution from Space to Learn to support the cost of the contract in financial year 2016/17.
- 1.4. Currently there are no agreements in place for a cost increase for the financial year 2016/17 or a contribution to the contract cost for quarter one of 2017/18.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. It is recommended that a cost increase of 2.5% be applied to 2016/17 costs.
- 2.2. Members of Schools' Forum note that a further report will be brought to a future meeting to consider and agree a contribution to support the contract costs for quarter one of 2017/18.