



NextiraOne boosts productivity for Bromsgrove District Council with state-of-the-art communications infrastructure

Local council revolutionises services provision ahead of
UK Government requirements

Lichfield, 5 October, 2006: Bromsgrove District Council has radically upgraded its information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure with leading enterprise network solution provider, NextiraOne. The investment will lead to further improved public services, significant cost reductions as well as productivity and efficiency benefits for council staff. As part of the initiative, NextiraOne has refurbished the entire ICT infrastructure, implementing a new internet protocol (IP) network, unified data and voice communications and allowing for wireless networking.

The council, which is in Worcestershire, opted for NextiraOne as it needed an experienced integration specialist capable of rising to the challenge of meeting the Government's e-government agenda. A growing population within the district also saw an increasing demand for on-line access to local services.

NextiraOne has deployed an IP telephony system encompassing wireless networking, a comprehensive disaster recovery and business continuity strategy, Storage Area Network (SAN) and system security platforms.

"Technology enables 21st century councils such as ours to closer engage our citizens through offering services securely online as well as helping us work more efficiently," said Deborah Poole, Head of e-Government and Customer Services, Bromsgrove District Council. "We need to provision for business continuity in case of any unforeseen issues and work flexibly, allowing staff to gain access to centrally-held information wherever they are. We chose NextiraOne due to its track record in local government and its ability to see beyond conventional communications boundaries."

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Steven Skakel, UK managing director for NextiraOne, said that the council's commitment to ICT would lead to further improvements to public services in the future. "Bromsgrove District Council has recognised that technology is the enabler for improved service and efficiency. Local citizens can now look forward to even more exciting new services becoming available in the future."

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About NextiraOne

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