

## Cloud Computing

The emergence of the Cloud in recent years as an alternative to conventional computing has left many councils unsure of the way forward, asking themselves should they bite the bullet and join the increasing number of their contemporaries that are already using Cloud facilities.

One of the major hurdles is the uncertainty of how secure 'The Cloud' is. In recent months certain high profile incidents have led to worries over data security issues with cloud computing, especially in the Public Cloud. With the media highlighting these issues who can blame councils for their reluctance to embrace the technology.

The complexity of security is greatly increased when data is spread over a large number of devices and the resources are shared by a large number of unrelated users, as is the case with the Public Cloud.

Concerns also continue to be raised over not knowing where the data sits and the continuing worry of compliance with the Data Protection Act.

### The Local Council Community Cloud Solution

Over the past twenty years our partnership with Town and Parish Councils has taught us many lessons and this has led to the development of our Local Council Community Cloud. A service exclusively designed for the Local Council sector, which delivers all the advantages of Cloud Computing without the inherent worries and disadvantages of the Public Cloud.

Running from our file servers situated in a state of the art data centre at the Plymouth Science Park, our Local Council Community Cloud delivers all the leading software applications relevant to the Local Council sector from a single secure source.

This ever increasing portfolio includes amongst others ... the complete Riata's suite of finance and administration software, the complete suite of Pear Mapping Software, and all Microsoft Office products.

Using technologies that enhance the security of your data, our Local Council Community Cloud offers comfort against the concerns surrounding conventional Cloud Computing by guaranteeing your data is:

- Held in the UK.
- Backed up every day (back-ups are regularly tested as protocol).
- Protected by strong and regularly changed passwords.

Furthermore it provides compliance with the Data Protection Act, as well as the Cabinet Office guidelines for Government Sector information held electronically.



### Built for you:

- **The Smallest Parish to the Largest Town Council**

### The Local Council Community Cloud provides

- **Data Security**
- **Access to Leading Sector Software**
- **Increased Efficiency**
- **Protection for Officers and Members**

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