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A MOTION requesting that the executive transmit a plan for addressing major technology emergencies that might occur the in the office of emergency management, the department of natural resources and parks and the department of elections, and departments as requested by department directors.

WHEREAS, King County departments provide critical services to the people of King County, and

WHEREAS, technology is essential to delivering those services, and

WHEREAS, technology failures can hinder the ability of departments to provide services, and

WHEREAS, technology failures should be addressed as efficiently as possible, and

WHEREAS, the department of information technology has experience and expertise in providing assistance to departments with emergency technology issues, and

WHEREAS, King County is a leader in emergency preparedness planning, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

A. The executive is requested to develop and transmit a plan for addressing major technology emergencies that might occur in the office of emergency management, the department of natural resources and parks and the department of elections, and other departments as requested by department directors.

B. The plan shall include, but not be limited to:

1. A method for alerting and advising the department of information technology to any many operational events and any potential technology issues associated with that event and potential need and timeframes for a moratorium on changes to key technology infrastructure;

2. A list of events for 2017 and 2018 where there may be increased technical capacity required due to higher than normal needs or concerns about the technology functioning adequately;

3. A method and a recommended minimum timeframes by which the office of emergency management, the department of natural resources and parks and the department of elections, and other relevant departments, should alert the department of information technology of any emergency technology issues impacting operations; and

4. A resource on call plan for ensuring the office of emergency management, the department of natural resources and parks and the department of elections, and other relevant departments, will have the technology expertise available in the event of a technology failure.

C. The executive shall transmit the plan, and a motion adopting the plan by April 3, 2017, in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy to the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, the policy staff director, and the lead staff for the committee of the whole, or its successor.