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**GUILD COUNCIL MEETING**

**DATE OF MEETING** 19/02/15

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*Purpose: (Delete as appropriate)*

**Mandate Officer(s) or Committees(s)**

Summary: This motion mandates the VPDRS report back to Guild Council on the feasibility of moving to Google Apps, what sort of time frame this could occur in, what sort of costs the Guild would incur, with recommendations.

**Section Three: Mandate A Guild Officer(s) or Committee**

**3.1. Person(s) Responsible For Delivering Mandate**

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| VPDRS |

**3.2. Completion Date for Mandate**

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| Next Guild Council |

**3.3. Mandate Text (shall normally be no more than 200 words)**

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**Section Four: Written Statement in Support of Motion (shall normally be no more than 500 words)**

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| The suite of google products is a highly popular product. As a charity, we qualify to get the corporate package for free. This means that all the guilds email, could be moved to Gmail and the cloud at no cost.Web browsers have progressed a lot in the past 8 years (since the version of webmail the guild is running) and as such, the webmail does not function fully in the current version of any common web browser.There are numerous other issues including:* logging into my.bham stops ability to access the webmail
* an insecure, outdated version of Internet Explorer is required to use many features

Also the end of support is only 2 years away and the Guild should be upgrading before then, so this is a chance to move to a better platform before being tied into another aging exchange version for another 8 years.We would like to mandate the VPDRS to report back to Guild Council on the feasibility of moving to Google Apps, what sort of time frame this could occur in, what sort of costs the Guild would inccur and a recommendation on how to proceed. |