

To date, the legal, financial, social care and highways departments have made extensive use of the new solution, with each team preparing its own paperwork ready for scanning. This has sped up the digitisation process dramatically.

The Kodak scanners have been in use for the past four months, and were selected because they offered the best volume and quality of scanning given the price.

With built-in Kodak Perfect Page imaging technology, SurePath paper handling to guarantee accurate feeding of various document types, and three independent multi-feed detectors ensuring no paper jams, the scanners deliver outstanding performance fully optimised for mission critical scanning.

Featuring a 500 sheet document feeder able to deal with a mix of paper sizes and weights, the scanners are rated to speeds of 53 pages per minute at 300 dpi the council standard for scanning which copes with both handwritten as well typed documents. Lewis says, "The thing that has impressed me the most is the reliability. Some days, the Kodak scanners have been going flat out for 10 hours without any issues."

Between 1.1 and 1.5 million images over the next 6 to 8 months will be created as departments move into Staffordshire Place.

With the help of EzeScan, text searchable PDFs are produced and are accessible through shared network drives or images produced and imported directly into the council's electronic document & records management system (EDRMS), Content Manager (HP TRIM) which is currently being rolled out throughout the whole council to improve access to and management of information.

"EzeScan Capture Software was chosen not only for its cost effectiveness but because it offers a seamless integration with the Content Manager and offers static value support so that images can be imported far quicker" said Kevin Blackley, EzeScan's International Business Development Manager.

"When records of the same type are scanned, the system has been configured to import documents on the basis of one piece of information, the council ID number, which saves time re-keying in similar information all the time" says Blackley.

Once the move to Staffordshire Place is complete, the scanning team expects to offer a scan-on-demand service for departments to cater for all their ongoing digitisation needs. It's fair to say that installing a high performance scanning solution has proven cost effective for Staffordshire County Council given the volume of documents they have to process.

"Consistency and quality is guaranteed, along with security, with staff then able to use the information in its EDRMS to deliver a faster service to members of the public when they contact the council " said Neil Murphy, Kodak's UK Sales Manager.

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