

**REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, POLICY, PLANNING &
CORPORATE SERVICES****PROVISION OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY
(ICT) SUPPORT FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLORS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval for an updated approach to ICT provision for Councillors.

Information and AdviceBackground

2. On 16 April 2013 the Administration Committee agreed a revised approach to the provision of ICT for Councillors. The Committee agreed that Councillors should receive a maximum allocation of £2000 per four year term of office to cover all costs relating to ICT equipment and services. The Committee also agreed that Councillors should purchase their own equipment and be given the opportunity to purchase at market value any equipment currently provided by the County Council. It was further agreed that e-mails and attachments be forwarded to Councillors upon request.
3. Some difficulties with this new approach have come to light in the initial implementation phase and therefore it is proposed to bring new proposals to Full Council to refine the new approach to ensure maximum effectiveness.
4. These new proposals are currently being fully finalised to ensure they offer a workable solution and will be circulated to Members in the form of an addendum to this report. This will ensure that new Members are able to access ICT provision at the earliest opportunity following the recent election.

Other Options Considered

5. To continue to try to implement the approach agreed by Administration Committee but initial difficulties have been faced in doing so.

Reason for Recommendation

6. To refine the new approach to ensure a more responsive and workable solution.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, ways of working, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To agree revisions to the new approach to ICT provision for Councillors.

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Constitutional Comments

Constitutional comments to be included in the addendum to the report.

Financial Comments

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Background Papers

Report to Administration Committee dated 16 April 2013 and draft minutes of that meeting.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

