

## **WRITTEN QUESTION UNDER PROCEDURE RULE 39**

### **Re: ICT Question to the Chairman of the Finance and Property Committee**

I can confirm that since the elections in May 2013 the following ICT equipment has been issued to County Councillors: 48 iPad devices, 1 laptop computer, 20 Get Connected solutions, 3 smartphones, 11 mobile handsets, 2 wireless printers and 6 data sticks. The cost of these ICT solutions (equipment, software licences, 3G data contracts etc.) is £44,074.20 in 2013-14. The estimated financial commitment over the 4 year period is £81,405.48 (this figure includes the £44,074.20 in 2013/14).

The ICT equipment issued to County Councillors is determined by their work style arrangement (home working, mobile working and flexible working patterns). This is to help ensure that they can undertake their duties most effectively, whilst also minimising cost.

I have recently commissioned a review of remote ICT access solutions that are used by County Councillors and officers to ensure that they remain necessary, fit for purpose and best value and will review the findings and proposals later in the year.

A full report will be on the agenda of the September Policy Committee as set out in the work programme.

Yours sincerely

**Councillor David Kirkham**