



Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Resources and Council Services)

Date: 16th December 2013

Subject: Members ICT

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. On 12th November 2013, Member Management Committee received the attached report from the Chief Officer (ICT).
2. Matters relating to the supply and use of IT equipment falls within the remit of Member Management Committee and the Committee resolved on 12th November that individual Members be recharged the full cost of using tablet devices abroad.
3. In relation to support arrangements for Members (paragraphs 3.13 – 3.26 of the attached report refers), again this is a matter for Member Management Committee. However after discussion with Councillor Nash, who chaired Member Management Committee on 12th November, it was agreed that it was not unreasonable for Scrutiny to have an opportunity to express a view, given that such matters had been discussed by this Board previously and that Member Management Committee resolved; *“that ICT support arrangements be deferred to allow for further discussion within groups”*
4. ICT officers have been invited to today’s meeting to outline current proposals for support arrangements and Members are asked to comment.

Recommendations

5. Members are asked to discuss with officers proposed ICT support arrangements for Members and offer any comment.

Background documents¹

None used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.