

**DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018.**

**COUNCILLOR DATA SIM PROVISION**

**RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:**

**To consider Councillors' data SIM usage and ongoing provision.**

**REASONS:**

**The Democratic Services Committee at its meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> June RESOLVED that the Committee receive a breakdown on data sim usage at its next meeting, in order to determine whether the provision provided value for money and should be retained.**

<b>Scrutiny Committee consulted</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>Exec Board Decision Required</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Council Decision Required</b>	<b>YES</b>

Relevant Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder – Cllr Mair Stephens (I.T)  
 Other Member Councillor Suzy Curry – Chair of the Democratic Services Committee

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
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The Authority currently pays for a Data Sim to be provided for each tablet device. The data Sims were procured in 2015 in order to allow members to use their devices remotely via 3G/4G when wi-fi was not available, however, following a discussion on paperless working the Committee felt that it was now prudent to re-look at this issue as broadband connectivity had improved and there were more wi-fi hotspots.

The attached appendix provides a breakdown of data sim usage for consideration by the Committee.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**YES – Date Usage report**

# IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Linda Rees Jones, Head of Administration & Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

**Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities**

None

**Finance**

Data SIMs are provided to all Councillors at a cost of £9 per sim per month.

**Legal**

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

## CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below  
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**1.Scrutiny Committee** Not applicable

**2.Local Member(s)** Not applicable

**3.Community / Town Council** Not applicable

**4.Relevant Partners** Not applicable

**5.Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** Not applicable

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information**  
**List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

**THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:**

<b>Title of Document</b>	<b>File Ref No.</b>	<b>Locations that the papers are available for public inspection</b>