

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

15TH 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 11th 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.

Scrutiny Committee consulted	Not applicable
Exec Board Decision Required	NO
Council Decision Required	YES

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 – Data 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
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

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:

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