

CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Democratic Services Committee

Date: 16th December 2022

Title: Member ICT Provision of iPads

Purpose of report: To provide information on a request for Councillors to purchase an iPad that would access Council services.

Current Arrangements

Members are currently provided as part of their duties, a laptop, Microsoft O365 software (Email, Word, Excel etc) and full security protection.

This setup provides every Councillor access to all the services they require to undertake their duties and ensures that they are protected from viruses and potential cyber-attacks.

iPads

A request has been made for consideration to be given to give Councillors an option to purchase a Council provided iPad as an additional device for them to carry out their duties.

To provide an iPad to a Councillor to use as an alternative device to access all services would have to be configured to meet the Councils security standards and this would require additional budget to provide the multiple devices. The use of iPads for hybrid meetings and read documents is not possible on a small device and therefore not suitable as the main device.

The option for Councillors to purchase an iPad, they can purchase a variety of devices to support their work in the community and those personal devices can access their Microsoft O365 account through a secure web login that would allow them to store documents and access their emails.

Councillors can add their Microsoft O365 account to any personal device, be it a mobile phone, iPad, Apple Mac, Android tablet or Windows device and make full use of those resources.

We remind Councillors that use of their own devices to access their Authority account of Microsoft 365, they must maintain their device and data security requirements through up to date operating system patching and PIN or Password access to the device, failure to do so may impose restrictions or refuse access to Microsoft O365 resources if basic security expectations are not met.

Recommendation

The Council already provides an ICT solution (laptop and supporting software) that meets the needs of a Councillor under the guidance.

Appendices: None

Background documents: None

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