

Report 1 – Councillor Broadband Provision – supplemental information

- Replace the table at 4.2 with the following:

Local Authority	Broadband service provided for councillors at their home address?	Wi-Fi connectivity available for councillors in Council buildings?	3/4G connectivity provided for councillors?	Any other Council provided/supported internet access mechanism?
Leicestershire County Council	Not provided.	Members can access Wi-Fi on any device, personal or LCC provided, whilst at County Hall.	Councillors have an option to choose one LCC device either a laptop or an iPad. The iPad can be Wi-Fi or 3/4G.	Nothing additional mentioned.
Hinckley & Bosworth BC	Not provided.	Provided within most of the Council buildings.	Councillors have an option to choose one device of either iPhone/iPad/laptop. The iPad can be Wi-Fi or 3/4G. This is generally the exception though with only a small number of iPhones/iPads deployed. iPhones/iPads are fully managed (restricted) by ICT.	No financial support provided from within the ICT budget. There may be some other arrangements ICT are not aware of either through direct payments or allowances.
Blaby DC	Not provided.	Provided within most of the Council buildings.	Councillors have an option to choose one device of either iPhone/iPad/laptop. The iPad can be Wi-Fi or 3/4G. This is generally the	No financial support provided from within the ICT budget. There may be some other arrangements ICT are not aware of either through direct payments or

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Oadby & Wigston BC	Not provided.	Provided within most of the Council buildings.	Councillors have an option to choose one device of either iPhone/iPad/lap top. The iPad can be Wi-Fi or 3/4G. This is generally the exception though with only a small number of iPhones/iPads deployed. iPhones/iPads are fully managed (restricted) by ICT.	No financial support provided from within the ICT budget. There may be some other arrangements ICT are not aware of either through direct payments or allowances.
Melton BC	Not provided.	Provided within most of the Council buildings.	Councillors have an option to choose one device of either iPhone/iPad/lap top. The iPad can be Wi-Fi or 3/4G. This is generally the exception though with only a small number of	No financial support provided from within the ICT budget. There may be some other arrangements ICT are not aware of either through direct payments or allowances.

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Charnwood BC	Not provided.	Provided.	Laptop or Hudl 2 provided. No 3G or 4G connection provided. Users are responsible for Wi-Fi / Internet connectivity.	No.
North West Leicestershire DC	Not provided. We don't provide broadband for home use or make any contribution to the cost.	Limited provision.	Councillors used to have laptops but these were reclaimed a few years ago as they were underused.	None mentioned.

- The following paragraphs to be added to the final bullet point in section 4.1 of the report:

The annual cost of £12K quoted is the total approximate cost of councillor broadband for the last financial year. Since the District Election analogue lines and associated broadband services, no longer required, have been ceased. This reduces the number of lines by approximately 20% so it is reasonable to assume total annual cost would be reduced by a similar percentage.

BT invoices include BT line rental and BT Business Broadband charges as well as any excess charges incurred. The broadband product supplied is capped at 10GB download usage per month, which has previously resulted in excess charges being incurred. Excess charges are applied on a sliding scale dependent on the extent of the excessive usage; from £6 per month up to a maximum of £37.50 per month.

- The following section to be added to section 4.3:

For simplicity a £15 contribution is suggested to be in line with HDC's flexible working users. The approximate cost for both line rental and a broadband service is £30, therefore the proposed £15 contribution would represent 50% of this figure.

HDC do not require councillors to use a separate dedicated service to access our systems so the £15 contribution could be used as a payment towards an existing, upgraded or new service.

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- The following section to be added at 6.5 of the report should the changes outlined above to broadband provision be implemented:

Councillors currently using HDC provided broadband will need to arrange their own internet connectivity as soon as possible. HDC ICT will commence the ceasing of services 3 calendar months after the date the recommendation is agreed i.e. 19th January, 2016. Allowing sufficient time for councillors to make their own arrangements.

Councillors will need to confirm with HDC ICT as soon as any new services are in place; potentially facilitating an earlier cease of HDC supplied services if possible

Those councillors wishing to claim the £15 broadband expense will need to do so via MyView as part of their normal monthly expenses claim procedure.