

Response to Request for Information

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Council spend on mobile devices for members

Request:

1. What is the council's approach towards mobile devices for members?
The council's approach to mobile devices is to allow members to access emails, calendar and to view Council papers.
2. Does the council offer a choice of mobile device to elected members? If so, which devices do you support?
Councillors are offered as standard a Huawei P8 mobile phone and an iPad tablet.
3. Are members allowed to purchase a mobile device (are they given a budget?) or can they use their own mobile devices?
Members are not allowed to use their own devices for Council business, nor do they have a budget to purchase mobile devices. Members mobile devices are funded from overall ICT budget.
4. Is any training provided to members on how to use mobile devices?
When a mobile device is provided to a Councillor, a hand over session takes place so members are aware of the functionality they provide. Further support is provided on the Council's learning hub for members.
5. Approximately what is the budget for mobile devices for elected members in any given year (or the most recent election year if that's easier)?
There is no specific budget allocated for members mobile devices. Members mobile devices are funded from overall ICT budget.