

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.**

**Delegated Decision  
December 2016**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** County Councillor Avril York  
Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning

**SUBJECT:** Mobile Phones for Councillors

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**REPORT FOR:** Delegated Decision

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**1. Summary**

Powys County Council members are increasingly using digital means to undertake Council business.

This report is looking to provide opportunities to Members to be able to securely access Council Email and calendar from a Council smart phone following the re-procurement of the Councils Mobile phone contract.

**2. Background**

Digital working and communication has become key to modern business. To date ICT have equipped Councillors with laptops to enable them to securely access digital systems. Currently Email, Calendar, internet and Intranet and more recently the ModernGOV application are available electronically.

Digital services and access to information through digital devices will further increase over the coming years and to ensure Members are equipped with the right technology ICT will continuously review the requirements as laptops need replacing.

ICT are also looking at when\* we can offer Members and staff the ability to securely access information through their own devices (Known as 'Bring Your Own Device' BOYD)

*\* (At present ICT cannot offer BOYD due to technical constraint's with our email provider. It is planned to remove these barriers at the end of the current contract Q3 2017 FY.)*

### 3. Mobile Phones

ICT together with Commercial Services have re-procured the corporate mobile phone contract for the Council. The mobile phone market is extremely competitive and we have secured a competitive deal for Powys County Council whilst enabling modern digital devices to be available.

The new supplier will be EE. The new contract has been negotiated to include the following:

- Handsets will be free of charge
- Network will be installed throughout County Hall free of charge (to ensure improved EE coverage)
- WiFi Calling will be enabled which will assist with agile working and where there may be inadequate signal. E.g. home workers
- Unlimited Voice and Text with 2GB of Data

#### **Costs – Windows Smart Phone, With email access (Microsoft Lumia 640)**

Item	Cost (Per Month)	Additional Info
Handset	£0.00	Normally cost £89 – EE providing £100 credit each time a new phone is purchased
Calls, Texts and 2GB of Data	£0.00	
Line Rental	£9.00	
Mobile Iron Licence (one off payment - 1 <sup>st</sup> Year)	£4.75	Mobile Iron is the licence for email
<b>Total Monthly cost</b>	<b>£13.75</b>	
Mobile Iron Licence ongoing (after Yr 1)	£1.25	

#### **Costs – Basic Phone, Without Email Access (Samsung A3)**

Item	Cost (Per Month)	Additional Info
Handset	£0.00	
Calls, Texts and 2GB of Data	£0.00	
Line Rental	£1.75	

#### **Additional Benefits**

- Unlimited calls and texts means less admin work in filtering through personal calls
- Bills have recently changed from paper to electronic files, making the whole process more efficient and supports the paperless Powys strategy.
- The frequency of when the bills are received has been changed from quarterly to monthly, allowing for easier monitoring and reporting.
- EE will provide Powys with 120K upfront technology credit.

- Projected savings over the life of the new contract are £42k

### **Proposal**

ICT to procure, through the new mobile phone contract with EE, secure Smart phones for those members who require them to enable access to email and calendar functions.

Members would meet the monthly cost of £13.75 per month (year 1 costs). The contract period would be a minimum of 18 months.

### **One Powys Plan**

This proposal supports financially balanced and fit for purpose public services

#### **4. Options Considered/Available**

Not applicable

#### **5. Sustainability and Environmental Issues/Equalities/Crime and Disorder,/Welsh Language/Other Policies etc**

Not impacted

#### **6. Children and Young People's Impact Statement - Safeguarding and Wellbeing**

Not impacted

#### **7. Local Member(s)**

This proposal effects all members

#### **8. Other Front Line Services**

Not impacted

#### **9. Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, Business Services)**

No comments received

**10. Local Service Board/Partnerships/Stakeholders etc**

Not applicable

**11. Corporate Communications**

No comments received

**12. Statutory Officers**

The Strategic Director Resources (Section 151 Officer) supports the proposal and welcomes the savings resulting from the new contract

The Deputy Monitoring Officer notes the content of the report and has nothing to add.

**13. Members' Interests**

The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If the Portfolio Holder has an interest she should declare it at the start of the meeting and complete the relevant notification form and refer the matter to Cabinet for decision.

<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Reason for Recommendation:</b>
<b>ICT to procure, though the new mobile phone contract with EE, secure Smart phones for those members who require them to enable access to email and calendar functions.</b>  <b>Members would meet the months cost of £13.75 per month. The contract period would be minimum of 18 months.</b>	<b>To improve access to corporate electronic services whilst maintaining security of data</b>

<b>Relevant Policy (ies):</b>			
<b>Within Policy:</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Within Budget:</b>	<b>Y</b>

<b>Relevant Local Member(s):</b>	
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<b>Person(s) To Implement Decision:</b>	<b>Andrew Durant Head of ICT and Programmes</b>
<b>Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> December 2016</b>

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