

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

2021/22  
Decision No.  
2339

### Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 10 January 2022

<b>Portfolio</b>	Policy & Resources
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Member IT Review</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Leisure and Community
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council

#### **Purpose:**

To present the findings of the recent review of the provision and support of IT for Councillors and to then make proposals for a new approach that will meet the needs of members in a consistent, secure and cost-effective way.

There is a mix of both hardware devices used by Councillors e.g. laptop, pc or tablet some of which are personally owned whilst others are provided by a Council.

In order to ensure a consistent, secure and value for money approach to IT provision and support for Members a review began in early 2021.

The review was influenced by the developments such as the rapid move to more virtual ways of working brought by COVID-19 and the approval of the Council's Climate Change Action Plan in June 2021, which committed to find ways to reduce our paper use.

The findings of the review are presented in this report alongside proposals that will help ensure that the ongoing provision of IT devices and support to Members is done in a consistent and secure way which offers good value for money.

#### **Options Considered:**

As recommendation.

#### **Decision:**

RESOLVED that the Executive approves:

- (a) the committee process becoming paperless in early 2022/23 following a programme of training and support for all Members; and
- (b) up to 31 new laptop devices be purchased at a cost of up to £30,225.

**Reason:**

To ensure that Members have access to the IT devices and support that enable them to carry out their Council work in a consistent, secure and cost-effective way.

**Confirmed as a true record:**

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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