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DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, 4 February 2013 (4.00 pm)

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To submit a report by the ICT Services Manager.

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TITLE:	E-DEMOCRACY FOR MEMBERS
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As part of the Council's modernisation agenda the Council is currently implementing the Modern Gov. Committee Management System which will assist the Council deliver its democratic duties. The system enables the electronic delivery and management of committee agendas, papers and decisions and is available to officers, elected members and citizens online.

The proposal is to adopt Modern Gov. as standard for all members following the upcoming elections in May and the current Executive and some senior officers are now receiving meetings committee documents via Modern Gov as part of the initial phase of deployment on iPad tablet devices. These devices also provide e-mail connectivity to support Members to fulfil their duties with a view to ensuring that future communication is done electronically moving away from paper based practices.

In addition Modern Gov. will allow members to complete and update entries online in relation to Registers of Interest.

The iPad's connect to the Modern Gov. System using Wifi (wireless) or cellular (as used by mobile phones) and plans are in place to enable Wifi access in the Council Chamber and members areas in the next few weeks.

Members of the Executive received training on using the iPads in December and further training is planned for February specifically on the Modern Gov. System. The intention is to roll out iPads to all Members after the May 2013 elections. Appropriate support and assistance will be provided.

During 2011/12 costs associated with production of Committee papers (paper, photocopying and postages amounted to £40,000). The roll out of iPads for the new Council will cost £10,000 to be funded from savings on the production of committee papers.

Once fully adopted the Modern Gov. system will provide significant savings and efficiencies by enabling the timely distribution of committee documentation, publication of agendas, decisions and minutes as well as a reduction in printing and postage costs.

Members will also note that a separate report by the Interim Head of Democratic Services seeks the Committees views on the support provided to Members to fulfil their duties. Moving forward the proposal is to provide iPads instead of laptops for Members.

Recommendation

Members are requested to endorse the proposal to adopt Modern Gov. as part of modernising working practices and the roll out of iPads to all Members after the May 2013 elections.

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