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Dear Councillor

COUNCIL - THURSDAY 3RD MARCH, 2011

I refer to the agenda for the above meeting and now enclose the following report(s) which were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

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Item

6.

Questions Raised by Members of the Council

To receive and consider the attached questions to Cabinet Members of which notice has been given in accordance with Rule 12 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules.

Yours sincerely,

M. CARNEY

Chief Executive

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QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

(1) Question submitted by Councillor Jones to the Cabinet Member - Corporate Services

"Could the Cabinet Member supply the Council with the cost of Members' IT equipment per annum, broken down in the following categories:

- (a) computers
- (b) other IT equipment
- (c) mobile phone cost/usage

Also the cost per head in percentage of each political group."

Response of the Cabinet Member - Corporate Services (Councillor Parry).

Revenue Costs

Council Facilitated Broadband Total Spend - £4,062

Per Group	£	% of total expenditure
Liberal Democrats	£2,640	65%
Conservatives	£720	18%
Labour	£702	17%

Privately arranged Broadband Total Reimbursement - £6,168

Per Group	£	% of total expenditure
Liberal Democrats	£2,584	42%
Labour	£2,481	40%
Conservatives	£1,103	18%

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Mobile Phone Line Rental Total Spend - £672

(All calls are charged to the individual Members via monthly allowances)

Per Group	£	% of total expenditure
Liberal Democrats	£459	68%
Labour	£213	32%
Conservatives	£0	nil

Security

The Wrapator software to control Councillor access to Council systems cost £1,452. The provision of secure data sticks (USB Pen Drives) was £32 per Councillor.

Capital Costs

Equipment 2007/08 to 2010/11 Total Spend - £49,327

	PC	Laptops	Printers	PDA/Phones	Misc	% of spend
LD	£1,921	£13,628	£2,774	£1,220	£931	42%
L	£3,190	£9,605	£2,115	£620	£363	32%
C	£3,230	£7,702	£1,393	£0	£635	26%

Average cost of all equipment per head is £747 or £186.75 per annum for each of the last four years.

There has been no purchase of new equipment in 2010/11 as capital funds are currently frozen.

Members' ICT Scheme from May 2011

A new scheme regarding the provision of ICT Equipment to Councillors was approved on 2 March 2011 by Cabinet Member Corporate Services. The new scheme allows:

- The £360 p.a. allowance towards a broadband connection has been reduced to £250
- Access to paper and toners will now be via the political secretaries
- £50 contribution is required if there is personal use
- A choice of a PC or Laptop plus a printer. (This will only be available at such time as there are capital funds available for a refresh of equipment).

Members' New Email System

The new simpler email system for Councillors cost £1,000 in Microsoft licence fees.

(2) Question submitted by Councillor P. Dowd to the Cabinet Member - Children's Services

"Does the Cabinet Member agree that the new build of Netherton Activity Centre, incorporating Jake's Sensory World providing services for children with disabilities, is 'mad spending'?"

Response of the Cabinet Member - Children's Services (Councillor Moncur)

"No"

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