

MEMBERS ALLOWANCES FOR ICT IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND IN THE CBC FAMILY WHERE RESPONSES WERE RECEIVED

COUNCIL	ICT PROVISION	BASIS OF ALLOWANCE
Stroud	No equipment provided	An allowance of £390 per 4 year term of office towards ICT equipment and must redeem it within first 3 years of office
Cotswold	Issues over remote access for Members, given more stringent security requirements. Still operate ICT allowance rather than direct provision, but may need to review in time for 2015 intake.	£300 per annum ICT Allowance
Tewkesbury	Council do provide laptops but they are very old. Members can use their own equipment.	No separate ICT allowance
County	After the 2013 elections members could opt to use their own iPad/laptop or request one from Council. Connectivity provided at no cost to member. However current security requires all Councillors to have council equipment. Telephone line also provided.	No ICT Allowance but see ICT provision.
Forest of Dean	Members buy their own equipment and council provide the necessary connectivity software (£60 per annum). Still print all committee papers	Basis Allowance was increased some years ago to include ICT allowance of £300 and no separate ICT allowance is paid
Glos City	Glos City have provided all their members with iPads and the business case is made by reducing printed copies of papers.	No other provision made
Lincoln	They don't incorporate ICT allowances within the basic allowance - Members can either have a printer and	

	laptop provided by the council, or claim a separate allowance for either/both. They provide an iPad if members commit to paperless working and also pay a broadband allowance.
Rushmoor	£350 per year ICT allowance included in basic allowance
Bromsgrove and Redditch	Some historic ICT provision in both places where Councillors were provided with printers and still have them, but they can't be used with the iPads so are being phased out. Basic allowance notionally includes provision for ICT. Both Councils have a scheme where Councillors are provided with an iPad and can claim £100 a year towards broadband costs.
Wyre Forest District council	Allowance does not contain any provision for ICT. They have a Revised Budget charge for 42 members for ICT support, which includes support both remotely and access to our systems, replacement hardware and a proportion of the costs for the ICT strategy and depreciation.
Burnley	As regards IT we used to award a separate payment of £240 for broadband (2008/09)– this was to encourage members to use IT – the basic at that time was £2,460 - this was then incorporated into the basic allowance to give £2700 and no separate allowance is given for IT. Currently assessing ICT provision.
Pendle	We have in the last year withdrawn ICT provision to Cllrs. They used to get on top of their basic allowance a quarterly phone allowance of £25.66 (to cover phone call and broadband) and we also used to give them a choice of either having a council computer or they could purchase their own and be reimbursed up to £750 this has now stopped.
Wellingborough	We have a separate Member Development and Support budget which includes the provision of an IT allowance of £200 per annum per Member (£800 over 4 years).