





## EMAIL SURVEY RESPONSE FORM



The information provided below is based on responses received from other authorities within the North West, and any NW Employers intelligence and is provided as part of our core service to authorities.

In responding and providing your contact details you agree to share your information with all respondees.

Topic	Provision of iPads for Elected Members and the associated training	
Date	11 April 2014	
<b>Survey Question: To: Member Development Network</b>		
Dear Colleagues/Councillors		
There was discussion at a previous Member Development Network in 2013 around the provision of iPads for Elected Members and the associated training. A number of organisations had already switched or were considering switching to iPads/other tablet devices/own laptops.		
We would like to get to a more up to date idea of which authorities are thinking about switching or have already switched and hoped you could contribute.		
All information that we gather will be shared with the Network.		
Many Thanks		
Responses Received:		
<b>Authority and Contact</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Documents Shared</b>
Manchester city Council – Donald Connolly	We are in the 'thinking about changing' stage. But I'd guess everybody is at that stage now if they have not already switched.	
Barrow Borough Council – Paula Westwood	Majority of our Members are computer literate and access their own e-mails at home either on their own PC/laptop or a laptop which has been provided by the Council. We have no plans to provide iPads or	

	tablets to Members.	
Halton Borough Council – Kathryn Mackenzie	In Halton we have offered iPads to all our Members. 54 of our 56 Members have taken up the offer.	
Hyndburn Borough Council – Kirsten Burnett	Hi, we switched some time ago now. There have been some informal training sessions, member sin the different parties have been “buddies” for their colleagues to help them use the iPads and there has been informal 1-1 support where necessary.	
Preston City Council – Steph Hayes	All 6 of our cabinet members have iPads and after the election we will be offering around 10 other members the opportunity to have use of them.	
Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service	Hi in response to your request MFRA do not have plans at this stage to provide Members with tablets etc as equipment is provided to councillors by their own council from which they are appointed to this authority. We are however in the process of looking at publishing doc for tablet access to enable Members with such equipment be able to access info.	
Cheshire East Council – Diane Moulson	Cheshire East Council has provided iPads for a number of its members, primarily Cabinet Members/Cabinet Support Members and Committee Chairmen. A more general roll out is slowly taking place. Training has been offered via drop in IT clinics and use of a basic ‘how to’ guide as most of our current users are IT savvy. In preparation for the wider audience, consideration is being given to the type of support which will be needed but as an interim measure, three members of the Dem Services Team have been provided with the same equipment so that they can offer hands on advice.	
South Ribble Borough Council – Steve Nugent	We now have tablets for our Members.	
Chorley Council – Carol Russell	Chorley is currently rolling out iPads to all Councillors following a pilot arrangement with a small number of councillors.	
St Helens Council – Margaret Robinson	To date we have issued 33 iPads to Councillors (we have 48 Cllrs in total). More will be issued post elections. 1-1 training and support has been provided and this is being followed up with a series of drop in sessions.	
Carlisle City Council – Rachel Rooney	Here at Carlisle we have some Members who use ipads/tablets for meetings and are now classed as ‘paperless’ The Council does not provide Members with the tablets they purchase them themselves through their Members allowances. We have provided some tablet	

	training but most of the support given is by officers and amongst the Members themselves. We are actively encouraging Members, especially new Members, to move towards paperless meetings.	
Trafford Council – Sandra Hutchinson	We haven't switched to iPads but may do at some point in the future. We have a member's ICT review group, first meeting this evening, to look at what we need to provide based on their requirements. I will be able to provide further feedback at a later date.	
Hyndburn Borough Council – Helen Gee	We went over to iPads in January 2013. We probably differ from other authorities in that the iPads are the Councillors' person property. They have not been provided or paid for by the Council, although the Council does pay for connection to the 3G network. The Council has acquired them and Councillors pay for them by monthly instalments, deducted over a 2 year period from their monthly allowance. We provided various types of training – one-to-one sessions, buddies and arranged a mock meeting. We no longer send paper agendas out, other than the Council agenda which we are legally obliged to (to post a copy to the Councillor's home address).	
Merseytravel – Colette Beal	All our members are nominated from the 6 Districts of the Combined Authority :- Halton, Knowsley , Liverpool, St Helens, Sefton and Wirral so we do not supply equipment I believe St Helens are moving to iPads but we use BYOD thanks Colette.	
Wigan Council – Hilary Clarke	Wigan are in the process of rolling out ipads from May. I have taken a report to Senior Managers Group, Informal Leadership Group and the attached is going to Councillor Services Group tomorrow. Happy to share but this document is not in the public domain. The reports have been well received but Council seems to be nervous about the public reaction and we are doing a positive press release.	 Wigan Modern Councillor Programme  Appendix 1 CIPFA benchmarking data or  Appendix 3 Mod.gov app users.docx  Business Case for provision of tablet de

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