SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Of the 18 respondents:

- 100% agree with the new Policy in principle. The most frequently commented on issue was that all Councillors should be subject to the same policy, concerns were also raised about current and future telephone line provision.
- 61.2% (11 Members) were in favour of Council supplied equipment, one suggested the provision of Tablets to reduce the ongoing costs of consumables.
- 33.3% (6 Members) preferred use of their own equipment though the amount thought appropriate for the allowance varied from £250 £1,000, however, most considered the £360 proposed to be the minimum required.
- 5.5% (1 Member) suggested a mix of Council and private provision with only the printer & consumables supplied by the Council.

Other General Comments:

- There should be a yearly report to Council on this situation.
- Member input should be via Group Leaders, rather than the Mayor.
- Independent Remuneration Panel should have no say in this matter.