

**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING –19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016**

**Question to Mr I Parry  
Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategy,  
Finance and Corporate Issues**

**By Mrs. C. Wood**

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**Question**

“Since the Administration is no longer supporting its Councillors with the ‘tools to do the job’ i.e. paper and computer ink cartridges, what is the recommended advice being given to Councillors, buy your own printer that has cheaper cartridges or find and pay for the expensive ones to suit the computer given out to Members by this Administration. If it’s the latter why do we have such expensive equipment?”

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**Reply**

Member support with your ICT needs includes the offer of the provision of computer equipment including a printer, advice and assistance with that equipment from your member support team and through specialist ICT engineers, including visits to your home.

Where equipment was supplied to members following the elections in 2013 it will now be approaching its end of life although it would expect to be sustainable until the next elections; where this is not the case it will be replaced. This year those members who have asked to be provided with printer cartridges and paper have been asked to pick up those costs themselves as their contribution to the Medium Term Financial Strategy savings.

The cost of the replacement of a black cartridge for the machine that has been issued to you is in the region of £22 and should yield 2300 pages – which should be more than sufficient to respond to any constituent enquires that require a non-digital response.