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Name and date of Committee	<b>Council: Wednesday 26 January 2022</b>
Report Number	<b>Agenda Item No. 10</b>
Subject	<b>Reconsideration of Motion: Re-use of IT Equipment</b>
Wards affected	All Witney Wards
Accountable member	Councillor Jane Doughty, Cabinet Member for Customer Delivery Email: <a href="mailto:jane.doughty@westoxon.gov.uk">jane.doughty@westoxon.gov.uk</a>
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Summary/Purpose	To consider the motion originally proposed and seconded at Council on 28 April 2021, in the context of the comments and recommendation of the Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
Annex	<a href="#">Annex 1</a> : Report considered by the Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting held 25 November 2021. <a href="#">Annex 2</a> : Draft minute from that meeting
Recommendation	The Economic & Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommend that “The Council donate their ‘end of life’ laptops, computers and phones for re-use to either the Oxford IT Bank or IT Schools Africa” and continue to use the existing arrangements for all other ICT Hardware.
Corporate priorities	Not applicable.
Key Decision	N/A
Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	None

## 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. At the meeting of the Council held on 28 April 2021 the following Motion was proposed and seconded by Councillors Graham and Enright respectively:-

“This Council notes that The Covid-19 lockdowns have shown how vital technology is to keeping people connected, in particular the vulnerable in society, many of whom have been confined to their homes and unable to see loved ones, and that according to Age UK 51% of digitally excluded people are over the age of 65, while refugees and the homeless also face worrying levels of digital exclusion.

This Council calls for:

1. The Council, public bodies in West Oxfordshire, and local businesses to reform their procurement policies by donating IT locally to those in need rather than scrapping it, using schemes such as the Laptops for Homeless and Vulnerable Initiative;
2. A local re-use and recycling centre to enable *SocialBox.Biz* and its charity partners to collect and distribute old technology to those in need in West Oxfordshire; and
3. Direct council suppliers to support the *SocialBox.Biz* initiative and, together with the Council, to proactively take part in sponsoring and promoting the *SocialBox.Biz* message to local businesses, through traditional media and social media channels.”

- 1.2. The motion having been duly proposed and seconded stood referred without discussion to the Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee for comment and advice.

## 2. MAIN POINTS

- 2.1. The report considered by the Economic & Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 25 November 2021 is attached at Annex 1 and the relevant minute from that meeting is attached at Annex 2.

- 2.2. Following receipt of the officer’s report, the Committee recommend Option 2 to Council as follows:

“The Council donate their ‘end of life’ laptops, computers and phones for re-use to either the Oxford IT Bank or IT Schools Africa” and continue to use the existing arrangements for all other ICT Hardware.

- 2.3. Council is invited to consider the matter in the context of its consideration by the Economic and Social Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and any further comments from the proposer and seconder.

## 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. As set out in section 3 of Annex 1.

## 4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. None

## 5. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 5.1. Not applicable

## 6. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

- 6.1. None applicable.

## 7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.