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**Ilminster Town Council  
Resources Committee 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014  
IT Upgrade for the Office – agenda no.6**

**Recommendation**

- a) That the Town Council upgrades the broadband contract to a superfast connection at a cost not exceeding £40 per month
- b) That the Town Council considers purchasing new IT equipment from Company B at a cost not exceeding £3520+ vat
- c) That the Town Council considers the options for managed support for the new IT infrastructure.

**Introduction**

At the last Resources Committee meeting, the staff advised that they were investigating options for upgrading the Town Council's IT infrastructure as in April 2014 new software is being introduced which the existing hardware may not be able to support.

The following information has been obtained.

- Six Companies, including two Ilminster based companies, were contacted.
- Out of these Six:
  - One company did not reply.
  - Three carried out an audit of the Town Council's present IT infrastructure, but only two gave quotations
  - One company has given a basic quotation for the supply of the computers only.
  - One company informed us that at present they cannot help, as they have just taken on a large contract.

A summary of the quotations received from the three companies (see appendix 1) and copies of the two reports received as a result of the audits are attached (see appendix 2, 3 & 4). (The identity of the companies has been deleted for confidential reasons)

The Town Council's broadband speed has also been investigated and BT, our current broadband provider, has given us the following quotation to upgrade.

	<b>Speed</b>	<b>Price</b>
Current Broadband	17Mb	£33 per mth
Unlimited Infinity Fast	38Mb	£35 per mth
Unlimited Infinity Superfast	76Mb	£40 per mth

Comparisons of the data storage costs and Microsoft package options have been attached for additional information. (See appendix 5)

**Funding**

The funds for this upgrade would be allocated in the following way:

£2572	from Reserves/Renewals and Provisions
£200	from computer maintenance 361/2
£257	from Rents 358/1
£400	from Presentation of awards 357
£22	from Software 361/4
£69	from Office Maintenance 361/1