

MEETING	Democratic Services Committee
DATE	9 December, 2014
SUBJECT	Community and Town Councils Websites
PURPOSE	To present developments on the Welsh Government £500 grant for providing web presence to Community and Town Councils
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Background

1. Welsh Government has provided a £500 grant to be administered by Cyngor Gwynedd for enabling Community and Town Councils with presence on the Web.
2. Two approaches were offered
 - a. Option 1 – the £500 would be transferred to the Community/Town Council to develop their own website, however research into the market suggested that web creation companies were charging around £2,500 for this service and on-going costs of around £250.
 - b. Option 2 – the £500 would be pooled together, providing sufficient funding to create one “master” website that would be re-branded for each individual Community/Town Council.
3. Each Community/Town Council were contacted to seek their preference, with over 20 indicating that they would prefer option 2.
4. A brief was distributed to three local companies to deliver option 2, however only one company offered to compete for the work, however the costs were not favourable.
5. Ymgynghoriaeth Gwynedd Counsultancy offer a “web package” and a proposal has been received to provide this service to the Community/Town Councils within the £500 budget, and will be for a 3 year period. Additional funding will be required from year 4 onwards.
6. Further information will be provided to the Community/Town Councils before the New Year, with an internal project kick-off scheduled for 2nd December.

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