5.12.25 Agenda Item 4

Councillor to Lead on Cyber Oversight and Data Security

Background

In October 2025 Full Council adopted the IT and Cyber Security Policy which included the recommendation that a Councillor should be appointed to lead on Cyber Oversight and Data Security.

The Role

This is a new role which has yet to be fully defined, but this Councillor will have an oversight role the event of a cyber-attack on the Council. In addition, they will:

- Monitor compliance with the Council's IT and Cyber Security Policy
- Act as a link between officers and Full Council on cyber-related matters
- Ensure lessons from external guidance are considered

The Clerk and the Council's IT support provider will continue to manage day-to-day cyber security. The appointed Councillor's role will be oversight, and supporting continuous improvement in cyber resilience.

Next Steps

SALC are running a Cyber Security training course on the evening of 11th December. Places have been booked for the Councillor who is appointed and the RFO.

A short role description will be drafted once the training has taken place and guidance has been reviewed.

Decision Required

Members are asked to appoint a Councillor to this role.