

	FULL COUNCIL
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Agenda Item	7f

To consider a request from a councillor for a generic email address for councillors

A councillor has requested an official email address to use for council business. This has been tried in the past, and when the email addresses were set up, none of the councillors wanted to use them. Our IT management company has told us:

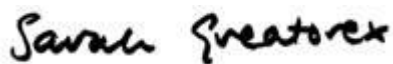
The cheapest way to get an official halsteadtowncouncil.org.uk would be to put them on an Exchange license. This ONLY grants them the mailbox, and costs £5.99 per user per month.

If we were to do this for just this one councillor, it would be an extra £5.99 per month.

For all 12 councillors, it would be £5.99 x 12. This works out at £71.88 extra per month

In view of our previous poor experience in this area, it might be better for those who would like a separate address for their council work to create one for themselves. Some councillors have already done this. The extra expense in creating addresses which are unlikely to be used cannot be justified.

Recommendation: that HTC does not create official addresses for councillors, at unnecessary expense to the council.



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