

KEMBLE & EWEN PARISH COUNCIL

IT Replacement Schedules



REVIEW OF REPLACEMENT SCHEDULES FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT

Objective

Parish Council information technology replacement schedules for PCs, laptops and other technology reflect both the Council needs, budget parameters and depreciation schedule of the devices.

Gartner Report.

According to Gartner, the industry standard has leveled off to 4.6 years for desktops and 3.7 years for laptops. Optimum PC replacement decisions are based on the operating system (OS) and on functional compatibility, usually four years. Five-year refreshment cycles are recommended only for fixed-function task worker systems. Vendors should consider accelerating replacement cycles for power users, such as application developers, graphics designers, and large spreadsheet users, but only if faster performance and newer features provide a clearly evident return on investment. Laptops should be replaced more frequently due to their mobility and chance of being damaged. Although notebooks are significantly more reliable than just five years ago, they still suffer a high enough failure rate to be replaced at the end of the original equipment manufacturer warranty period, which is three years. Under a bring-your-own-device (BYOD) approach, phones and tablets usually have a two-year replacement cycle. BYOD tools have a shorter life and tend to become damaged. Gartner does not publish a replacement cycle for servers. Servers are driven by support and maintenance.

Recommendation

- Laptops replaced every 4 years.
- External Hard Drive replaced every 4 years.
- PC replaced every 5 years
- Printers replaced every 5 years
- Mobiles / tablets every 3 Years – due to OS / Battery Issues.

Suggestions on Budget :

- Laptop - £519 -£900