

**Decision Maker:** RENEWAL AND RECREATION PDS COMMITTEE

**Date:** Tuesday 22 November 2016

**Decision Type:** Non-Urgent                      Non-Executive                      Non-Key

**Title:** EXPENDITURE ON CONSULTANTS 2015/16 AND 2016/17

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**Ward:** N/A

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1. Reason for report

1.1 At its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016, the Executive and Resources PDS Committee considered the attached report on expenditure on consultants across all Council departments for both revenue (appendix 2) and capital (appendix 3) budgets. The Committee requested that the report be considered by all PDS Committees.

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2. RECOMMENDATION

**That the Committee considers the information about expenditure on consultants relating to the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio contained in the attached report, and considers whether any further scrutiny is required.**

### Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: N/A
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### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
  2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council:
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable:
  2. Ongoing costs: One –off expenditure met from within existing budgets
  3. Budget head/performance centre: Consultants
  4. Total current budget for this head: N/A
  5. Source of funding: Existing revenue and capital budgets
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### Personnel

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable: This report does not involve an executive decision.
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### Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: N/A
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): N/A
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: Not Applicable

### 3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 Revenue expenditure on consultants in the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio is set in Appendix 2, and is focussed on (i) one-off specialist advice, no-one with specialist skills, (ii) insufficient in-house skills/resources and (iii) Planning. Expenditure amounted to £344,174 in 2015/16 and £30,805 in 2016/17 to date.
- 3.2 Capital expenditure on consultants in the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio is set out in Appendix 3. Appendix 3A covers expenditure in 2015/16 (£52,290.70), and Appendix 3B covers the first quarter of 2016/17 (£66,654.00).

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children/Policy/Financial/Personnel/Legal/Procurement
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	None