
Decision Maker: PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFETY PDS COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 29 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

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 At its meeting on 7th 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.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee considers the information about expenditure on consultants relating to the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio contained in the appendices to 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 Public Protection and Safety Portfolio is set out in the attached extract from Appendix 2, and is focussed on (i) one-off specialist advice, no-one with specialist skills, and (ii) insufficient in-house skills/resources. Expenditure amounted to £55,494 in 2015/16 and £2,896 in 2016/17 to date.
- 3.2 It should be noted that there is no capital expenditure on consultants relating to the Public Protection and Safety Portfolio (Appendix 3 to the report to Executive and Resources PDS – not attached).

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