

**Decision Maker:** PUBLIC PROTECTION AND ENFORCEMENT POLICY  
DEVELOPMENT & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Date:** Thursday 21 March 2019

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

**Title:** EXPENDITURE ON CONSULTANTS 2017/18 & 2018/19

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**Chief Officer:** Director of Corporate Services

**Ward:** (All Wards);

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1. Reason for report

At its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019, the Executive, Resources and Contracts 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(S)**

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

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact:
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Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable
  2. BBB Priority: Not Applicable:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable:
  2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
  3. Budget head/performance centre:
  4. Total current budget for this head:
  5. Source of funding:
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Personnel

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

1. Legal Requirement:
  2. Call-in: Not Applicable:
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications:
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Customer Impact

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

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

### 3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 Revenue expenditure on consultants in the Public Protection and Enforcement Portfolio is set out in 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 £19,037 in 2017/18 and £2,245 in 2018/19 to date.
- 3.2 Capital expenditure on consultants in the Public Protection and Enforcement Portfolio is set out in Appendix 3. Appendix 3A covers expenditure in 2017/18, and Appendix 3B covers the first quarter of 2018/19.

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