
Decision Maker: **ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES POLICY
DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Date: **Tuesday 3rd November 2020**

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

Title: **Expenditure on Consultants 2019/20 AND 2020/21**

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Chief Officer: Director of Corporate Services

Ward: (All Wards);

1. Reason for report

At its meeting on 8th October 2020, 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.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Committee considers the information about expenditure on consultants relating to the Environment and Community Services 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 Environment and Community Services 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 £23,258 in 2019/20 and £6,000 in 2020/21 to September 2020.
- 3.2 Capital expenditure on consultants in the Environment and Community Services Portfolio is set out in Appendix 3. There was no capital expenditure in 2019/20 and in the first quarter of 2020/21 capital expenditure amounted to £7,903.

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