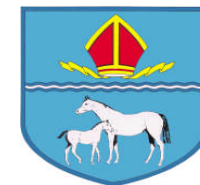


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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & FINANCE COMMITTEE – 4 DECEMBER 2014

DECISION LIST

AGENDA ITEM NO.	REPORT REF.	ITEM	ISSUE	DECISION	ACTION BY
1.	-	Public Question Time		No questions were submitted by the members of the public.	
5.	-	Chairman's Announcements		<p>The Chairman introduced Richard Quayle, the recently appointed Director of Support Services, and welcomed him to his first meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>The Chairman referred to the External Audit Local Government Sector Briefing which had been tabled for Members' information as it had been received on the day after the Agenda despatch.</p>	
6.	P141	Review of Whistleblowing Policy	To consider amendments to the Whistleblowing Policy.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That approval be given to the revised Whistleblowing Policy and Procedure (as set out at Appendix A to the submitted report) for the reporting by employees of concerns of wrongdoing in writing, e-mail or telephone to the Monitoring Officer or the Deputy Monitoring Officer, subject to minor typographical and grammatical amendments by the Monitoring Officer and the reinstatement of the wording on timescales for investigations from the previous version of the Policy referring to the aim to complete an investigation within 28 days.</p>	Amanda Apcar

7.	P142	Localised Council Tax Reduction Scheme	To receive a report requesting the continuation of the Localised Council Tax Reduction Scheme approved for 2014/15 during 2015/16.	It was resolved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL: That Council note the continuation of the 2014/15 Localised Council Tax Reduction Scheme during 2015/16.	Linda Grinnell
8.	P143	Council Tax Base 2015/16	To consider the Council Tax Base for 2015/16.	It was resolved: 1. That the calculation of the Council Tax Base for 2015/16, as set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be approved. 2. That the Council Tax Base be determined, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, for the whole and parts of the Council's area as calculated for the year beginning 1 April 2015 as set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report.	Linda Grinnell
9.	P144	Fraud Activity Report	To receive information on the work of both Internal Audit and the Anglia Revenues Partnership (ARP) in relation to counter-fraud activity.	It was resolved: That the results of counter-fraud activity undertaken by both Internal Audit and ARP detailed in the Fraud Activity Report at Appendix 1 to the submitted report be noted and that the 2015 Fraud Activity Report include specific details of cases which have been successfully prosecuted, including names and sanctions.	Trevor Bowd
10.	P145	Internal Audit Interim Report 2014/15	To receive a report on the work of Internal Audit for the period April 2014 to October 2014.	It was resolved: That the work undertaken by Internal Audit during the first seven months of the financial year 2014/15 detailed in Appendix 1 to the submitted report be noted.	Trevor Bowd

11.	P146	Delivery of Strategic Planning Service 2015/16	To consider revised arrangements for the delivery of the Strategic Planning Service for 2015/16.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Corporate Unit Manager be authorised to enter into a Service Level Agreement with Peterborough City Council from April 2015 – March 2016. 2. That the Chief Executive be instructed to delete the posts of Principal Strategic Planning Officer (DFE12) with immediate effect and Strategic Planning Officer (DFE82) (from 29 December 2014) from the establishment. 3. That the estimated savings of £27,900 in 2015/16 be retained in an earmarked reserve for the commissioning of further specialist support (if required). 4. That the Corporate Unit Manager be instructed to review the current consultancy budget in 2014/15 and 2015/16 to identify further savings. 5. That a light touch review of arrangements be conducted in 12 months. 	Emma Grima
12.	P147	Budget Monitoring Report	To receive an update on the Council's current financial position for 2014/15 for both revenue and capital expenditure.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the projected underspending of £516,043 identified across the Council's services compared to its approved budget of £8,788,688 be noted.</p>	Linda Grinnell
13.	P148	Treasury Operations Mid Year Review	To receive an update on the Council's current 2014/15 Treasury position.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the mid-year review of the Council's Treasury Management for 2014/15 to 30 October 2014, as set out at Appendices 1 and 2 of the submitted report, be noted and welcomed.</p>	Linda Grinnell

14.	P149	Information Items	To note the content of the information items report on action taken by the Chief Executive on the grounds of urgency.	It was resolved: That the report be noted.	John Hill/Emma Grima
15.	-	Forward Agenda Plan	To receive the Forward Agenda Plan for the Committee.	It was resolved: That the Forward Agenda Plan be noted.	Tracy Couper

Please Note: These decisions will come into effect on Thursday 18 December 2014 unless any 5 Members object and call-in the decision. The call-in must be in writing to the Chief Executive and be received by Thursday 11 December 2014. Recommendations of the Policy Committees to other bodies (or to Council) cannot be called-in, nor can any decisions categorised as urgent in accordance with the call-in procedure.