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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & FINANCE COMMITTEE – 28 SEPTEMBER 2015
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 made the following announcements:</p> <p><u>Action Taken on the Grounds of Urgency – Witchford Community Land Trust (CLT)</u></p> <p>The Chairman reported that he had raised with the Leader of the Council concerns expressed at the 20 July meeting of the Committee regarding the action taken on the grounds of urgency relating to Witchford CLT. The Leader in turn had passed these concerns onto the Chief Executive.</p> <p><u>Business Rates Retention Scheme and Economic Development Investment Programme</u></p> <p>'The District Council's Economic Development Team were recently requested to put forward some proposals to this Committee for the use of additional business rates receipts for 2015/16 as part of a new pooling arrangement with the County Council. This was duly considered by the team and an outline paper was provided to the Leader of the Council with some proposals on how this additional funding could be used for economic development projects. This was referred to in the Council's 100 day commitment as the "Economic Development Investment Programme."</p>	All to note

				<p>As the business rates funding is not guaranteed however, and is dependent upon the Council achieving projected commercial floorspace increases across the District, the Economic Development Team have recommended to wait for the additional sums of money to be received by this Council before proceeding any further on these outline proposals.</p> <p>The Team have just recently launched a new website “Enterprise East Cambridgeshire” which provides a broad range of information about the district and the opportunities for business investment. The team is also working with the Greater Cambridge, Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership on the launch of a new Skills Service for this district which will focus on improving relationships between local schools and businesses and ensuring that school leavers have the necessary skills to meet the future needs of local employers. Further details of these projects will be included in a presentation by the Economic Development Team at this Committee in November as well as a broader update on recent activity and outputs.</p> <p>The Team are essentially viewing the above as the Economic Development Investment Programme until the broader funding arrangements for the business rates retention programme are finalised.’</p>	
6.		External Audit Local Government Sector Update	To receive the Local Government Sector briefing from the Council’s External Auditors Ernst and Young.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the External Audit briefing be noted.</p>	Andy Radford

7.		External Audit – Audit Results Report: ISA 260	To receive the Audit results report for the year ended 31 March 2015.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the Audit Results Report for the 2014/15 financial statements be noted and the Letter of Representation as amended be approved and signed by the Chief Financial Officer and Chairman.</p>	Andy Radford
8.	Q74	Annual Governance Statement 2014/15	To consider the Annual Governance Statement for the financial year 2014/15.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the Annual Governance Statement for the financial year 2014/15, as set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be approved and signed by the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council.</p>	Andy Radford
9.	Q75	Annual Financial Report 2014/15	To consider the Annual Financial Report for 2014/15.	<p>It was resolved:</p> <p>That the 2014/15 Annual Financial Report, as set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report, as amended, be approved.</p>	Andy Radford
10.	Q76	Treasury Operations Annual Performance Review	To consider the Council's Treasury operations during 2014/15.	<p>It was resolved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the report on the Council's Treasury operations during 2014/15 including the actual Prudential and Treasury Indicators, as set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report, be noted. 2. That the Members note that the Treasury Management Strategy will be revised as proposals are made for the funding implications of the Leisure Centre and the Local Authority Trading Company (LATC) and that these changes will need to be approved by full Council. 	Andy Radford

11.	Q77	Strategic Planning: Amended SLA with Peterborough City Council	To consider a revised Service Level Agreement (SLA) to cover the preparation and adoption of the new Local Plan.	It was resolved: That the Director (Commercial & Corporate Services), in consultation with the Chairman of Corporate Governance & Finance Committee, be authorised to enter into a revised Service Level Agreement with Peterborough City Council for the delivery of Strategic Planning Services from October 2015 - March 2018 as detailed in the submitted report.	Emma Grima
12.	Q78	Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)/Transport Strategy East Cambridgeshire (TSEC) Joint ECDC/CCC Member Steering Group	To approve the formal establishment of the CIL/TSEC Joint ECDC/CCC Member Steering Group.	It was resolved: That approval be given to the formal establishment of the CIL/TSEC Joint ECDC/CCC Member Steering Group and the Terms of Reference set out in Appendix 1 of the submitted report.	Emma Grima
13.	Q79	Budget Monitoring Report	To receive an update on the Council's current financial position for 2015/16 for both revenue and capital expenditure.	It was resolved: That the projected Revenue underspending of £315,868 identified across the Council's services compared to the approved Budget of £8,481,178 be noted.	Ian Smith
14.	-	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 Monday 12 October 2015 unless any 3 Members object and call-in the decision. The call-in must be in writing to the Chief Executive and be received by Monday 5 October 2015. 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.