

POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

25TH NOVEMBER 2015

Spend on External Consultants 14/15

To consider and comment on the following issues:

1. That the Committee consider and comment on the reports which outline the spend on external consultants and on external consultants during 2014/15.

Reasons:

- The Committee requested that an annual update be provided in respect of the spend on External Consultants.
- To provide an update on a) the total spend on external legal advisers, b) the nature of the service(s) provided and c) the reasons for engaging external legal advisers.
- To enable Committee members to exercise their scrutiny role.

To be referred to the Executive Board : NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDERS FOR POLICY AND RESOURCES:- Cllr. Emlyn Dole, Cllr. Pam Palmer, Cllr. Jim Jones and Cllr. Mair Stephens

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR CORPORATE SERVICES:- Cllr. David Jenkins

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

5th October 2015

Spend on External Consultants 14/15

This report has been produced in response to the Committee's request and summarises the spend on External Consultants by Department as follows:

	2013/14	2014/15
	£	£
Chief Executive	236,492	275,688
Environment	2,416,751	1,700,605
Education & Children	27,554	12,418
Corporate Services	129,141	136,283
Communities	14,639	107,320
TOTAL SPEND	2,824,577	2,232,314

TOTAL LEGAL SPEND	£386,229	£ 153,048
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DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Owen Bowen

Interim Head of Financial services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	YES	YES	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE

2. Legal

It is vital to have proper contractual arrangements in place for all external consultancy and that the authority receives advice from suitably specialist legal advisers where the in-house legal team identifies a need to do so due to the complexity of the issues and/or insufficient capacity to deal with a matter.

3. Finance

Financial implications of commitments / payments to external Companies. Employment of External Consultants can avoid long term commitments associated with employing individuals over the longer term

5. Risk Management Issues

It is important to ensure that key expertise / skills are available when required

6. Staffing Implications

It is important to ensure that the right balance is achieved between procuring essential skills and employment of staff.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Owen Bowen

Interim Head of Financial services

1. Scrutiny Committee – Not applicable

2. Local Member(s) – Not applicable

3. Community / Town Council – Not applicable

4. Relevant Partners – Not applicable

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – Not applicable

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
None		