

## ERW JOINT COMMITTEE

### 15 JULY 2019

### ERW FINANCE FUNCTION

**Purpose:**

The Joint Committee to consider whether Pembrokeshire County Council continues to provide the ERW Finance function in future years.

**RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:**

The Joint Committee determine whether Pembrokeshire County Council should continue to provide the ERW Finance function in future years, or the Local Authority which will provide the ERW Finance function in future years.

**REASONS:** Requirement for future financial planning purposes.

**Report Author:**  
Jon Haswell

**Designation:**  
ERW Section 151 Officer

**Tel No. 01437 775836**

**E. Mail:**  
haswellj@pembrokeshire.gov.uk



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## ERW JOINT COMMITTEE

### 15 JULY 2019

#### ERW FINANCE FUNCTION

#### BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

Pembrokeshire County Council have provided the Finance function for ERW since it was created in 2014:

- Section 151 Officer
- Finance function including the Deputy Section 151 Officer, provision of the ledger, payment of invoices, production of the Statement of Accounts, etc. (SLA with ERW)
- Management and professional support for the ERW Senior Accountant and ERW Accounting Technicians

Pembrokeshire County Council are in the process of implementing a new financial ledger and will need to input the details of every School in the ERW region (circa. 480), along with the financial coding structure. This is a considerable and timing consuming task. If the Finance function for ERW was to remain with Pembrokeshire County Council, it is a worthwhile task as it would improve the financial planning and financial management information for ERW in the future. If the Finance function for ERW is to be passed to another Local Authority, there would be no benefit in inputting the Schools onto the new financial ledger.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	No
---------------------------	----



## IMPLICATIONS

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities <b>NONE</b>	Legal <b>NONE</b>	Finance <b>YES</b>	Risk Management Issues <b>YES</b>	Staffing Implications <b>NONE</b>
<b>1. Finance</b> As outlined above.				
<b>2. Risk Management</b> The Finance function and the HR (employing Local Authority) function for ERW are both provided by Pembrokeshire County Council and are very closely aligned, so careful consideration would be required as to the effect on ERW operations if the functions were to be split from each other.				

## CONSULTATIONS

N/A
-----

<b>Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information</b> <b>List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:</b> <b>THERE ARE NONE</b>
---

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
N/A	N/A	N/A

