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COUNCIL

Audit and Risk Committee

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Report title	Payment Transparency	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Not applicable	

Recommendation for noting:

The Audit and Risk Committee is asked to note:

1. The Council's current position with regards to the publication of all its expenditure.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 This report is to update the Committee on the Council's current position with regards to the publication of all its expenditure.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The latest position on the Council's payment transparency activity is as follows:

- Following the introduction of Agresso, the Council now publishes its own spend data, instead of using a third party.
- The data is available on the Council's internet site under Transparency and Accountability (payments to suppliers) and is updated monthly.
- In addition, to the spend to date, the site also includes spend for the financial years from 2011.
- Since last reported to the Audit and Risk Committee in December 2018, there has been one request for information from the public (as an 'armchair auditor').

3.0 Progress, options, discussion

- 3.1 The Council received a request for details of expenditure made to the provider of the Social Care IT system, for the financial years from 2012 to 2018.
- 3.2 The Council responded by providing web-based links to the relevant expenditure. A further request was received for more detailed descriptions of the cost breakdowns, which comprised licensing, support and maintenance, consultancy and development costs.
- 3.3 The person making the request then asked for further information and an internal review, following which further archived information was provided.
- 3.4 We will continue to report back to the Audit and Risk Committee on the details of any further 'armchair auditor' requests the Council receives.

4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendation in this report.
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5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising from the recommendation in this report.
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6.0 Equalities implications

- 6.1 There are no equalities implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

7.0 Environmental implications

7.1 There are no environmental implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

8.0 Human resources implications

8.1 There are no human resources implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

9.0 Corporate landlord implications

9.1 There are no corporate landlord implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

10.0 Health and Wellbeing implications

10.1 There are no health and wellbeing implications arising from this report.

11.0 Schedule of background papers

11.1 None