

Audit Committee

14 December 2015

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| Report title | Payment Transparency | |
| Cabinet member with lead responsibility | Councillor Andrew Johnson Resources | |
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| Report to be/has been considered by | Not applicable | |

Recommendations for noting:

The 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. A technical issue has been identified where the published data has not always recently been displayed completely. A solution is being implemented and tested and the data has been available upon request.
- In addition, to the spend to date, the site also includes spend for the financial years from 2011 to 2014.
- Since last reported to the Audit Committee in September 2015, there have been no requests for information from the public (as an 'armchair auditor').

3.0 Progress, options, discussion

3.1 We will continue to report back to the Audit Committee on the details of any 'armchair auditor' requests the council receives.

4.0 Financial implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendation in this report.
(GE/27112015/C)

5.0 Legal implications

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from the recommendation in this report.
(RB/01122015/Z)

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 Schedule of background papers - None