



# **Audit and Risk Committee**

## **14 March 2016**

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| <b>Report title</b>                        | Payment Transparency         |  |
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| <b>Report to be/has been considered by</b> | Not applicable               |  |

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### **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.
  - In addition, to the spend to date, the site also includes spend for the financial years from 2011.
  - Since last reported to the Audit Committee in December 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.  
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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 Schedule of background papers**  
None