



# Audit Committee

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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:

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 has reviewed how it will publish spend data and will no longer use a third party. Instead it will start to publish its own data. The new format for the publishing of spend data is currently being finalised, with the intention that April, May and June 2014 data will be available on the Council's internet site by the end of July 2014.
  - Since last reported to the Audit Committee in March 2014, there have been no requests for information from the public (as an 'armchair auditor') via the mailbox available on the Council's website.

## **3.0 Progress, options, discussion**

- 3.1 We will report back to the next Audit Committee on if the intended date for publishing was achieved, and will continue to provide quarterly updates on the details of any 'armchair auditor' requests the Council receives.

## **4.0 Financial implications**

- 4.1 The payment publication service was provided by a third party in 2013/14 at a cost of £13,000. This expenditure will no longer be incurred when in-house resources are used to prepare and publish data. [GE/30062014/J]

## **5.0 Legal implications**

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

## **6.0 Equalities implications**

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

## **7.0 Environmental implications**

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

**8.0 Human resources implications**

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

**9.0 Corporate landlord implications**

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

**10.0 Schedule of background papers - None**