



Audit Committee

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

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 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 will be updated monthly.
- In addition to the spend for 2014 to date, the site also includes spend for the financial years from 2011 to 2014.
- However, towards the end of November there were some technical issues with the site, and the information was not readily available to members of the public. At the time of this report, IT were liaising with the software company in order to rectify this.
- Since last reported to the Audit Committee in September 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 the details of any 'armchair auditor' requests the Council receives.

4.0 Financial implications

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

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