

17. Report of Policy and Resources Committee

Purpose of report

1. To apprise the Authority of the proceedings of the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 27 March 2013.
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Recommendation

The Policy and Resources Committee recommend that the report be noted.

2012/2013 Budget Monitoring – Third Quarter

2. The Treasurer presented a report that informed the Policy and Resources Committee of the current position on budgets and expenditure for 2012/13.
3. The Treasurer highlighted that the Authority's underspend was slightly better than that which had been forecast.
4. The Policy and Resources Committee noted the contents of the report.

Development at Evesham

5. A report was considered that highlighted a proposal from Wychavon District Council to purchase the current Evesham Fire Station site and re-provide a new fire station and training facility as part of a greater development plan for Evesham.
6. The Policy and Resources Committee agreed in principle to the proposed sale of the existing Evesham Fire Station site to Wychavon District Council on terms that allowed for the provision of a new fire station and training facility; and it was agreed that details of the proposed terms would be reported back to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval following negotiation.

Property – Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)

7. The Committee considered a report regarding a proposal by Worcestershire Partnership Executive Group (PEG) to explore the potential of a Property Services Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV).
8. Members were advised that the purpose of the SPV was to explore if there was a better way to deal with public property in Worcestershire.
9. The Policy and Resources Committee supported officers of the Service exploring the potential of an option of a joint Property Services Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) between Worcestershire partners.

10. It was agreed that if any proposals arising from this work showed the potential to provide advantages for the Authority, these would be brought back to the Policy and Resources Committee for any approvals needed to proceed.

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

11. The Committee considered a report that requested the approval of the adoption of a policy regarding the authorisation of covert investigatory techniques under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.
12. Members were advised that whilst the Authority did not use covert surveillance powers they were nevertheless required to have a policy and procedure in place.
13. The Committee approved the draft policy on the use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, including the appointment of 'Authorising Officers' and 'Senior Responsible Person.'
14. It was resolved that in accordance with the Home Office Code of Practice, an annual report would be made to the Policy and Resources Committee with a review of the policy and the Authority's use of powers under the Act.

Fire and Rescue Authority Plan 2012/13 Quarters 1 – 3 Performance Analysis

15. The Assistant Chief Fire Officer presented a report that provided the Policy and Resources Committee with a summary of Quarters 1 – 3 performance against the Fire and Rescue Authority Plan 2012-13.
16. The Committee noted the contents of the report.

Equality and Diversity Advisory Group Update

17. A report was considered that provided the committee with an update on the activities and items of significance from the Service's Health and Safety Committee.
18. The Policy and Resources Committee noted the contents of the report.

Health and Safety Committee Update

19. A report was considered that provided the Policy and Resources Committee with an update on the activities and items of significance from the Service's Health and Safety Committee.
20. The Policy and Resources Committee noted the contents of the report.

Joint Consultative Committee Update

21. A report was considered that provided the Policy and Resources Committee with an update on the activities and items of significance from the Service's Joint Consultative Committee.

22. The Policy and Resources Committee noted the contents of the report.

Corporate Considerations

Resource Implications (identify any financial, legal, property or human resources issues)	None.
Strategic Policy Links (identify how proposals link in with current priorities and policy framework and if they do not, identify any potential implications).	None.
Risk Management / Health & Safety (identify any risks, the proposed control measures and risk evaluation scores).	None.
Consultation (identify any public or other consultation that has been carried out on this matter)	None.
Equalities (has an Equalities Impact Assessment been completed? If not, why not?)	No. Not applicable.

Supporting Information

Background papers – Agenda and papers from Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 27 March 2013.

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