

Coventry City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of The Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources

held at 2.00 pm on Monday, 9 March 2015

Present:

Members: Councillor D Gannon (Cabinet Member)
 Councillor T Sawdon (Shadow Cabinet Member)

Employees: V Castree, Resources Directorate
 J Crawley, Resources Directorate
 H Peacocke, Resources Directorate
 J Bilen, Resources Directorate
 S Lal, Resources Directorate
 L Welton, Resources Directorate
 P Boulton, Place Directorate

Public Business

30. **Apologies**

None

31. **Declarations of Interest**

None

32. **To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2015**

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January and signed them as a true record

33. **Matters Arising**

None

34. **Progress report on delivery of the Social Value Policy and Procurement Strategy**

The Cabinet Member received a report from the Executive Director for Resources on the delivery of the Social Value Policy and the Procurement Strategy through the Procurement Board. He also noted a Briefing Note from The Finance and Corporate Services Scrutiny Board following its consideration of the Report on 2 February 2015.

The Cabinet Member heard that the performance of the Procurement and Commissioning Service has been rated against the new National Procurement Strategy (NPS) launched by the Local Government Association in July 2014 and

that the Procurement and Commissioning Service's performance and strategic direction are on the whole, in line with the NPS.

It was further noted that monthly reports on savings and procurement activity conducted through the Procurement Panels and Procurement Board had been presented to Audit and Procurement Committee, where Members had the opportunity to ask questions and seek reassurance that appropriate action was taken. The Cabinet Member asked that the role of the Audit and Procurement Committee in relation to procurement be reviewed to see if responsibility should lie with him.

Resolved that the Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources notes the progress made against the Social Value Policy and the Procurement Strategy and recommends that the Council continue to support the delivery against these mechanisms

35. Cumulative Sickness Absence April - December 2014

The Cabinet Member received a report from the Executive Director, Resources, giving the levels of sickness absence for the 9 month period of April - December 2014 and the actions being taken to manage absence and promote health at work across the City Council.

It was noted that the Quarter 4 report would include data for all of 2014-15 as well as comparison with other relevant authorities

Resolved that the Cabinet Member (Strategic Finance & Resources) notes the sickness absence data for the 9 month period of April – December 2014 and endorses the actions taken to monitor and manage sickness.

36. Agency Workers and Interim Managers - Performance Management Report Quarter 3 (1 October to 31 December 2014).

The Cabinet Member received a report from the Executive Director, Resources, with performance information on the use of agency workers procured through the Master Vendor Contract for the Q3 period 1 October to 31 December 2014, comparing Q2 2014/15 with Q3 2014/15 expenditure. He also considered Interim Manager spends for the same periods procured through National Framework Agreement RM692 along with any additional off contract spends across the authority

Resolved that the Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Resources

1. Approves monitoring processes to continue for both Agency workers and Interim Managers

2. Endorses compliance with the corporate policy on the recruitment of Temporary Agency Workers through the Master Vendor, Pertemps for the Q3 period; Interim managers and any off contract spends
 3. Reviews the Q3 spends for 2014/15 with the previous Q2 spends for 2014/15 for spends with Pertemps and for Off-Contract spends during the same period.
 4. Instructs officers to continue to work towards reducing expenditure on the use of agency workers.
 5. Approves that future orders are not accepted if no reason is given for the need for the agency worker
37. **Any other items of public business which the Cabinet Member decides to take as matters of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.**

None

(Meeting closed at 2.55 pm)