

Resources Scrutiny Commission

Agenda



Date: Thursday, 31 October 2019

Time: 3.00 pm

Venue: First Floor Committee Room 1P09 - City Hall, College Green, Bristol, BS1 5TR

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5. Action Sheet - Updated

To note the progress of actions from the previous meeting.

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Agenda Item	Title of Report/ Description	Action	Responsible Officer / Member	Action taken and date completed
18th September 2019				
Page 3	11. Finance Monitoring Report (P4)	Clarification sought about the £5m Adult Social Care figure (PE06b). A Member said he'd expected the figure to read as £6m after a budget amendment he'd proposed was accepted in February 2019. The Director of Finance said she would look into it and report back.	Director of Finance	The total current budget for PE06B is £9.5m, which incorporates £7m proposed in budget, £2m approved amendment at Full Council and £0.5m rolled forward from 18/19 – Narrative from email from Mike Pilcher to Cllr C. Stevens.
		An up-date to be provided about what progress has been made with regards providing mobile technology to social workers:	Scrutiny Advisor / Programme Manager – Better Lives Programme	Following successful deployment of smartphones earlier in the year and a recent pilot of 2-in-1 tablet devices and Liquid Logic mobile apps, a decision has been made for the project to join the Council wide IT Transformation Programme (ITTP) that has recently started. Being part of this bigger programme will ensure that all social work teams get the most up-to-date technology that is being deployed across the whole Council and that this will be fully supported by IT colleagues. Had this work stayed as a separate project, there was a risk that the devices deployed would have quickly been out of date and

				<p>would not have been able to run all the new applications that will be available to everyone else across the Council. There may also have been challenges in receiving timely support from the IT service, as all their team will need to be focused on delivering ITTP.</p> <p>There isn't a definite date for when new equipment will be available through ITTP - the technology that will be available is still in development. However, the ITTP rollout schedule is going to prioritise those teams who are already ready to receive the new technology (without further testing of apps and systems), which means that social care teams are in an advantageous position (as they have already done a significant amount of testing and have the learning from the pilot). Dates will be confirmed as soon as possible and the necessary change management support put in place.</p>
12.	Investment in Regional Community Bank and City Fund	Any further questions about the business model to be forwarded directly to the Director of Finance	Cllr Stevens	
		The Director of Finance said she would look into whether the Avon Mutual once established offer religious compliant financing, the specific interest is in relation to Sharia financial rules for bidding the application or charging of interest on loans or mortgages?	Director of Finance	Correspondence reply: This is not currently planned. Giving this sort of commitment now would result in greater challenge in obtaining a banking license; however once this is secured and baseline activity being delivered it is an option that may be interesting to explore. Currently organisations such as Gatehouse provide these type of accounts

		<p>What will be the lower threshold that would be applied in providing banking facilities for those that have been refused bank accounts elsewhere?</p>	<p>Director of Finance</p>	<p>Correspondence reply: A reminder that the bank accounts will not be free and customers will be subject to a small monthly fee (c.£5/£4/£3 not yet determined). They will merely need to pay their monthly fee to maintain an account. We (as does BCC) remain hopeful that Partners such as Housing Associations, Utility firms and Councils in the region who share the ethos and can see the benefit of DD payments and / or CSR obligations and will pay this for the most disadvantage who are indicating their inability to pay this fee for them. This small contribution from the customer or partner is significantly offer the £hundreds and £k's poverty premium avoidance.</p>
<p>Page 5</p>	<p>Investment in Regional Community Bank and City Fund</p>	<p>The original business case included data that outlined approx. 12,000 individuals who do not have a bank account and members area seeking clarification whether those who do not have a permanent addresses are included in that figure?</p>	<p>Director of Finance</p>	<p>Correspondence reply: We do not have a clear figure on this yet but should have within the next few months and the priority placed on homelessness s of Bristol's focus on supporting the homeless and as such we will prioritise this.</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Performance Report Q1</p>	<p>BCP528: Increase the percentage of employment offers made to people living in the 10% most deprived areas. Officers to find out if any information is available about which 'types of job offers' this indicator is referring to.</p>	<p>Head of Insight, Performance & Intelligence</p>	<p>In Q2 2019 6.2% (50) of all jobs offered were to candidates living in the Most Deprived areas of Bristol. 36% (18) of these jobs were in Adult Social Care, with 14% (7) in Homes and Landlord Services, 10% (5) in Commercialisation, and 6% (3) in Transport. 22% (11) of all jobs offered are to employees declared as BAME and 10% (5) disabled.</p> <p>If/when further information about the level</p>

				/grade of job offers is available it will be provided to Members.
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