

**GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT  
'INTEGRATED RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE  
PERIOD ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2014**

*To:* **Audit and Accounts Committee**  
*Date:* **10<sup>TH</sup> June 2014**  
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*Purpose:* This report should be taken at the same time as 9b). It provides Audit and Accounts Committee with details of the brief discussion from the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 20th May 2014 in relation to the Integrated Resources and Performance report to the end of March.

**1. Background**

- 1.1 Different meetings receive the same Integrated Resources and Performance Report for the following reasons:
- General Purposes Committee to make decisions and approve virements;
  - **Audit and Accounts Committee role is limited to consider whether effective processes are in place for financial management.**

It was agreed during the last administration that Audit and Accounts Committee meetings where practicable and time allowed, should receive details of the discussion included in the minutes of the previous Cabinet meeting and the Performance and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee who may have also considered the same report in advance of the Audit and Accounts Committee. The arrangement is now continuing with General Purposes Committee and Cabinet.

**2. Extract of the Draft Minutes from the General Purposes Committee 20<sup>th</sup> May. They will be formally agreed at their next meeting.**

The Committee received a report presenting financial and performance information to assess progress in delivering the Council's Business Plan. Members were informed that the Committee would receive regular monthly monitoring reports, which would be circulated electronically if there was no meeting timetabled. It was noted that a detailed Outturn Report summarising the Council's overall financial and performance position for 2013/14 would be presented to the Committee at its next meeting. Attention was drawn to the most significant change

around older people budget. The report also contained fourteen corporate performance indicators, which would need to be reviewed to establish whether they were still appropriate. It was noted that service committees would be monitoring and developing their own indicators. Members were advised that a summary of capital financial performance showed that £60m less than programmed had been spent in 2013/14 due to slippage and the impact of additional grant and reductions in scheme costs.

During discussion, members requested the need for clarification in relation to how the direction of travel was reported in the performance targets. It was noted that a target could be green but the direction of travel could be down if performance was not as good as the previous month. Members also queried why the funding variance in 5.4 was so high. It was noted that external funding such as grants was always used first to fund schemes before the use of prudential borrowing. It was further noted that the slippage in the capital programme had reduced the need to borrow, and the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway funding had been received earlier than anticipated.

It was resolved to:

- a) analyse resources and performance information and note the remedial action currently being taken and consider if any further remedial action was required; and
- b) approve the £452,742 Section 31 Capitalisation Fund Allocation be treated as a general resource in the first instance and taken to corporate reserves (see section 6.1 of the report).