

**GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT
'INTEGRATED RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE
PERIOD ENDING 31ST MARCH 2015**

To: **Audit and Accounts Committee**
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Purpose: This report should be taken at the same time as 16b). It provides Audit and Accounts Committee with details of the brief discussion from the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 31st May 2016 in relation to the Integrated Resources and Performance report to the end of March 2016.

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.

2. Extract of the Draft Minutes from the General Purposes Committee 31st May 2016. They will be formally agreed at their next meeting.

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The Committee received a report detailing the financial and performance information to assess progress in delivering the Council's Business Plan. It was noted that the overall revenue budget position had not varied significantly since the last meeting. The Committee would receive the final outturn report at its next meeting. The CFO

drew attention to the fact that the report did not include the £9.8m directly attributable to a change in Minimum Revenue Provision policy approved and implemented during the year. It was noted that it was proposed to transfer this funding to the Transformation Fund. The CFO advised the Committee of two minor adjustments reflected in the recommendations.

The Chairman queried the implications of the further slippage at Littleport Secondary and Special School. The CFO reported that there would be damages reflected in any contract of this nature. However, they would be proportionate to any costs incurred such as erecting a portacabin. He agreed to investigate and report back to the Committee. **Action Required.** The Chairwoman of the Children and Young People Policy and Service Committee reported that children were being transported to two other schools with the transport paid for by the contractor.

In response to a query regarding releasing parcels of land for development in relation to Isle of Ely Primary, it was noted that this action was driven by the market but there was an expectation it would occur in the current financial year.

It was resolved unanimously to:

- a) Analyse resources and performance information and note the remedial action currently being taken and consider if any further remedial action was required.
- b) Approve the increase of £0.7m to the Prudential Borrowing requirement in 2015/16 to bridge the funding gap caused by the delayed capital contribution in relation to the Isle of Ely Primary scheme (section 6.5).
- c) Approve that the £367,880 additional Education Services Grant (ESG) received in 2015/16 be transferred to the General Fund (section 7.1).