

ITEM 4

Commenced: 6.00pm
Concluded: 6.47pm

RESOURCES AND GOVERNANCE BOARD 7 JANUARY 2013

Present Councillor Winter (Chair)
 Councillors Ashburner, Carr, Davis, Radford, Roberts, Stanton and Tittley

In attendance Councillor Russell

34/12 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Sandhu.

35/12 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

36/12 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

37/12 Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2012

The minutes were agreed as a correct record subject to the addition of the word 'some' at the start of the final paragraph prior to the resolution in minute 31/12.

38/12 Call-in

There were no items.

39/12 Revenue Budget Proposals

The Head of Finance with responsibility for the Resources Directorate outlined the budget consultation process, the projected financial position and changes to savings targets. The Strategic Director of Resources and service directors from within the directorate attended to answer questions.

Members sought clarification on the voluntary redundancy (VR) process. The Director of Human Resources and Business Support explained that the final figures were still being processed but would be presented to Personnel Committee on Wednesday 9 January. Members considered whether to put forward a resolution in relation to any compulsory redundancies that may be required following the completion of the VR process. As four members present

were also due to attend the Personnel Committee meeting it was agreed to consider the matter at that forum instead.

The Chair moved through the revenue budget proposals relating to the board's areas of responsibility, enabling the strategic and service directors to clarify specific budget lines.

Members asked how the proposed savings would be achieved with Human Resources. The Director of Human Resources and Business Support confirmed a fundamental service review was proposed. It was asked whether childcare court fees remained difficult to reduce. The outgoing Director of Legal and Democratic Services confirmed this was considered achievable as there had already been signs of a downward movement in costs. Clarification was requested on the pressures within ICT. The Director of ICT confirmed the pressures related to the Transformation Programme and the dedicated support that was required to make the programme operational and, in the longer term, achieve the savings.

Resolved to note the report.

40/12 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

Items in the Forward Plan under the Business, Finance and Democracy Council Cabinet portfolio were considered. It was noted that the items had been considered at the previous meeting of the board.

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