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1/20/17-18	Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services	Monday 21 August 2017	Part 1	Creation of a Financial Services Structure to Support the Council's Companies	Key Decision KD 4542	All	Yes – Friday 18 August 2017	1

DECISIONS

For additional copies or further details please contact Claire Johnson (020 8379 4239), Governance and Scrutiny Team.

CALL – IN UPDATE

Please note the following decision has been called in for review:

Meridian Water Station Update - published in the Publication of Decision List No. 16/17-18 (Ref. 2/16/17-18 – issued on 28 July 2017 with a call in deadline of Friday 4 August 2017).

LIST REFERENCE: 1/20/17-18

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT							
Creation of a Financial Services Structure to Support the Council's Companies							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date Decision comes in to effect	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1	All	Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services	Monday 21 August 2017	N/A	Key Decision KD 4542	Helen Waring 020 8379 4058	Yes Friday 18 August 2017
<p>AGREED: that the following decision will come into effect on Monday 21 August 2017, subject to not being called in:</p> <p>That the new permanent financial services structure, comprising six posts and reporting to the Head of Projects and Capital, as described in Paragraph 3.3 of the report, is created with immediate effect. This structure will replace the current, fixed term arrangements and will be fully funded from service level agreements with the Council's companies.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:</p> <p>The Council could continue with the current temporary structure – however, the team is under resourced and the companies are seeking clarity about who their finance contacts are and to know that they will be receiving an adequately resourced, ongoing, continuously improving service.</p> <p>The Council could outsource the service – however, this could prove costly and the Council's Finance Team has experience of providing the service to the companies and understands the interface between the companies' finances and those of the Council.</p> <p>The Council could set up a financial services company to support the other companies – however this would take time and would involve additional cost.</p> <p>A strengths and weaknesses analysis was carried out on each option (detailed in the report) in order to discount the options above and to agree on the preferred option.</p>							

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The proposed structure will create a permanent team to support the Council's companies, giving them the assurance that they have named contacts and ongoing support, and giving the Council the assurance that an excellent and sustainable finance service is being provided to the companies.

With regard to the SO1, Scale 6 and Scale 5 posts, these are completely generic with the rest of the posts at these levels in the existing finance team to ensure flexibility to increase or decrease the team depending on resourcing requirements, and to maximise opportunities for career progression . The MM2 and PO1 posts are also largely generic for the same reason.

BACKGROUND

Please note that a copy of the Part 1 report is available via the Decision list link on the Council's Democracy pages.