

AUDIT COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 7
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Cabinet Member(s) responsible:	Cllr David Seaton, Cabinet Member for Resources	
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USE OF CONSULTANTS – UPDATE REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM : Corporate Director Resources	Deadline date : N/A
<p>1. That Audit Committee consider the update report on the use of Consultants for the financial years 2016/17, 2017/18 and up to September 2018 (5 months).</p>	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Audit Committee following the Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committee review into Peterborough City Council's use of consultants, the subsequent endorsement of their recommendations by Cabinet, and the agreement of Audit Committee to undertake an on-going monitoring role.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committee recommended that the on-going monitoring role at Member level is undertaken by Audit Committee. Audit Committee considered their approach to this role at their meeting of 26 March 2012. This report is in line with the approach agreed and subsequent updates, and is in accordance with the Committees' Terms of Reference:

- 2.2.2.11 To review any issue referred to it by the Chief Executive or a Director, or any Council body; and
- 2.2.2.15 To consider the Council's arrangements for corporate governance and agreeing necessary actions to ensure compliance with best practice.

3. TIMESCALE

Is this a Major Policy Item / Statutory Plan?	NO	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	N/A
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4. REVIEW OF THE USE OF CONSULTANTS

- 4.1 In March 2010, the Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committee requested a review into Peterborough City Council's use of consultants. A cross-party review group was established to undertake this work on behalf of the Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committee.
- 4.2 The report from the Consultancy Review Group was issued in March 2011. Scrutiny also recommended that on-going monitoring of the use of consultants should fall to Audit Committee. Audit Committee considered this role at their meeting of 26 March 2012.
- 4.3 A further report, outlining the information requested, was discussed at the meeting of 5 November 2012. Further updates have been considered at the meetings of 4 February 2013, 4 November 2013, 3 November 2014, 9 November 2015 and 21 November 2016. This report continues the regular reporting to Audit Committee.

4.4 **Use of consultants**

The definition of consultancy is based upon standard procurement classification. As such it covers a wide range of companies and services. Expenditure is included here if the company meets the standard classification, irrespective of exactly what services have been provided.

4.5 The spend for the last nine full years, plus in current year to date is shown below. The trend over that period is for a reduction in spend.

	Total £m
2009-10	8.5
2010-11	6.4
2011-12	5.4
2012-13	4.3
2013-14	4.5
2014-15	3.1
2015-16	2.5
2016-17	3.0
2017-18	2.4
2018-19 first 5 months	0.5

4.6 Spend has risen slightly in 2016/17 before reducing again in 2018/19.

4.7 The policy agreed by Cabinet and Audit Committee to manage use of consultants, including the need for a business case to be produced, remains in place. The Corporate Management Team has reviewed arrangements as part of the 2017/18 budget monitoring process, and will continue to review as part of the 2018/19 budget monitoring process.

4.8 A list of companies used for the period 1 April 2016 to 1 September 2018 is included in Appendix 1, indicating the breadth of these companies and services that are included in the standard classification and in the analysis in this report.

Agency

4.10 The Council also employs Agency staff through a number of Contracts. The spend for the past 2 financial years on Agency has been:

- 2016/17 - £6.3m
- 2017/18 - £6.5m

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 Audit Committee considered options for how they wish to monitor use of consultants in the future at their meeting of 26 March 2012. Subsequent discussions at the meetings referred to have refined the information they wish to monitor.

6 ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

6.1 That Audit Committee consider the update report on the use of consultants.

7 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The recommendations are in line with the recommendations of Scrutiny, and the view of Audit Committee in undertaking this role.

8 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 Audit Committee considered options for how they wish to monitor use of consultants in the future at their meeting of 26 March 2012.

9 IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Where appropriate, the policy outlines implications for areas such as Legal, Human Resources, Procurement and Finance.
- 9.2 This report does not have implications for specific wards.

10 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 10.1 Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985)

10.2

- Consultancy Review Report, March 2011;
- Report to Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committee, 8 November 2011;
- Report to Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committee, 6 March 2012; and
- Reports to Cabinet and Audit Committee 26 March 2012.
- Report to Audit Committee of 5 November 2012
- Report to Audit Committee of 4 February 2013
- Report to Audit Committee of 4 November 2013
- Report to Audit Committee of 3 November 2014 and supplementary report to Audit Committee of 2 February 2015
- Report to Audit Committee of 9 November 2015
- Report to Audit Committee of 22 November 2016

11 APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 - list of companies used during the period 1 April 2016 and 01 September 2018 with summary

2016/17

Appendix 1 - List of companies with Summary

2016/17		
Supplier Name	Initiative	Amount
Adult Social Care Consultancy Ltd	S75 Mental Health work	27,603.48
Arcus Global Ltd	ICT Consultancy	73,622.00
Artelia UK	Programme Delivery	6,816.25
Associate Development Solutions Ltd	5vcs Specification support - worked on HEE Innovations Project in Cambs & Peterborough – Assessment CYPMH	55,690.00
Athene Communications	Adult Social Care Resource Plan	149,810.00
Barker Storey Matthews	Property Consultancy	15,303.24
Bennett, Mr Peter Lloyd	5VCS Support - Educational Psychological services (maternity leave cover)	17,058.00
Better Communication CIC	Short Break commissioning	32,600.00
CapacityGrid	Revenue Collection Support	22,650.00
CAS Care Consultancy Ltd	5cp-HDL Spec 5VCS - Support to a Provider for QI support/development and monitoring	72,662.30
CIPFA	Facilitating Schools Project	10,196.60
Clarke Property & Consulting	Planning Policy & Research	24,200.00
David Hawman	Troubled Families Support	11,850.00
Deloitte LLP	Environment Capital Support	163,721.13
E.ON Energy Solutions Ltd	"Heataborough" Scheme	238,458.45
Edudata (UK) Ltd	NDSG work	375
ES4S Ltd	NQT Induction	934.74
Flick Schofield Ltd	PSCB Support - Chair of CDOP and Chair of Serious Case Review Sub Committee 16/17	2,475.00
G V A Grimley	Development Control Support	20,209.40
Grant Thornton UK LLP	Planning, Policy & Research Advice	54,269.09
Green Park Interim and Exec Ltd	Interim Head of HR	332,600.00
Hunt & Coombs solicitors	DSG Contingency Advice	200

2016/17		
Supplier Name	Initiative	Amount
Inform CPI Ltd	PSSP Support	6,000.00
J C Associates	Complaints Support	4,648.60
Kealey-HR	HR Advice	4,950.00
Laing & Buisson Ltd	5VCS support - Critical analysis of Residential and Nursing Care Home cost calculations and producing initial fee policy framework	2,000.00
Mark Stephen Land Management	Development Control Work	675
Me Learning Ltd	Tackling Troubles Families	8,450.00
Media Measurement Ltd	ICT Consultancy	11,000.00
NCVO National Council for Voluntary Org.	5CVS support - Innovation Partnership provision for joint venture with local voluntary sector	8,610.00
NHS Cambs & P'boro CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group)	Better Care Fund Work	20,384.83
NPS Group	Strategic Property Advice	3,325.00
NPS Peterborough Ltd	Strategic Property Advice	13,274.56
NSM Training and Consultancy Ltd	Attendance Service - NDSG	2,424.00
Patten Resource Management	Transformation Director - ASC	162,775.00
Penna Plc	Interim Support Governance	106,107.60
Peterborough Environment City Trust	Environment Advice	2,400.00
Pinsent Masons	Advice on Environment Capital, "Heataborough", Planning Policy and ICT Managed Services.	301,498.07
Ray Worsley Education Consultancy	Schools Advice	3,385.00
Richardson Chartered Surveyors	Herlington Centre Shops Advice	840
River Nene Regional Park CIC	Environment Advice	6,800.78
RJW Associates Ltd	PSCB work - Independent Chair of Safeguarding Childrens and Adults Boards	52,150.00
Sanctuary Personnel Ltd	5VCS work - Admissions Avoidance and Discharge Planning Lead	2,156.00
Serco Ltd	PSSP Support	4,417.53
SERS Energy Solutions Ltd	"Heataborough" Scheme	527,632.48

2016/17		
Supplier Name	Initiative	Amount
Socitm Ltd	ICT Advice	74,750.00
Solace Group Ltd	Strategic Finance Advice	5,500.00
Success For All Foundation UK	Tackling Troubled Families work	175,000.00
Terrier Management Services	Complaints work	1,101.00
Terry Reynolds	Interim Asst Director – Education	31,099.24
Terry Reynolds Education Consulting Ltd	Interim Asst Director – Education	75,150.34
Tesam Distribution Ltd	Tesam advice	4,305.50
The Wildlife Trust BCN	Local Development Framework advice	1,200.00
WESTCO TRADING LIMITED	Communications Advice	6,841.41
White, Steve J	Partnership Advice	17,740.70
WYG	Planning & Development Control advice	31,240.00
2016/17 Total		3,013,137.32

2017/18

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2017/18		
Supplier Name	Initiative	Amount
Allen Lane	Strategic Finance – Interim	41,548.17
Arcus Global Ltd	ICT Support	15,680.00
Athene Communications	ASC Support	67,010.00
AXA PPP Healthcare OHS Ltd	Clare Lodge Advice	219.5
Bennett, Mr Peter Lloyd	5VCS Support - Educational Psychological services (maternity leave cover)	17,100.00
CapacityGrid	Revenue Collections Support	8,797.50
CGT Consulting Limited	Project Performance Management	2,400.00
Civica UK Limited	ICT Advice	2,655.00
CPEA Ltd	Combined Authority and Partnership Advice	5,329.20
Cranford Solutions (UK) Ltd	ICT Support – Interim	74,000.00
Cross Keys Homes	5VCS Work - Telecare Review	11,000.00
CTD Social Care & Research Consultancy Ltd	PSCB work	5,600.00
David Hawman	Tackling Troubled Families work	350
Flick Schofield Ltd	PSCB work - PCSB support. Chair of the Serious Case Review Sub-Committee 17/18	1,925.00
Freeth Cartwright LLP	County Farms Advice	500
Gerald Eve LLP	Strategic Finance Advice	28,250.00
Grant Thornton UK LLP	Combined Authority Advice	3,240.00
Green Park Interim and Exec Ltd	Interim Support HR Interim Support - Head of Legal Interim Programme Manager	403,207.50
Helen Sanderson Associates Ltd	5VCS work	1,895.30
iMPower Consulting Limited	Contracting Advice	151,937.30
Inform CPI Ltd	PSSP Work	87,490.00
Jan Trethewey Ltd	HR Advice	2,800.00
Kealey - HR	HR Advice	4,887.60
Mark Stephen Land Management	Development Control Advice	695

2017/18		
Supplier Name	Initiative	Amount
NPS Peterborough Ltd	Bridge Street Shops Programme Estates Programme delivery Roof mounted Solar PV Project	48,669.73
Patten Resource Management	Transformation Director – ASC	50,325.00
Paul Stainton Media Ltd	ICT Front Door Media Advice	2,250.00
Penelope Tassoni	Schools Traded Services Standards/effectiveness	933.55
Penna Plc	Interim Support Democratic Services Interim Support Governance Interim Combined Authority Support (recharged where appropriate) Interim Support Street Cleansing	890,659.38
Peter Chillingworth	Development Control Advice	180
Peterborough Environment City Trust	Environment Advice	3,150.00
Pinsent Masons	"Heataborough" Project Commissioning Advice ICT management services	57,913.20
PS3 Limited	PSCB work	5,775.00
Ray Worsley Education Consultancy	Housing Planning & Policy	1,767.50
ReThink Recruitment Solutions Ltd	Strategic Finance – Interim	21,750.00
River Nene Regional Park CIC	Environment Advice	11,502.22
RJW Associates Ltd	PCSB work-Independent Chair of Safeguarding Childrens and Adults Boards	69,099.99
S Wasteneay	Finance Consultancy	12,720.00
Serco Ltd	Project Management and Support	47,984.38
Socitm Ltd	ICT support / Consultancy	36,500.00
South Kesteven District Council	Housing Planning & Policy support	5,192.00
Success For All Foundation UK	Troubled Families Support	120,000.00
Terrier Management Services	Complaints work	2,911.90
Terry Reynolds Education Consulting Ltd	Interim Asst Director – Education	82,558.00
The Wildlife Trust BCN	Housing planning & Policy support / research work	300

2017/18		
Supplier Name	Initiative	Amount
WYG	Development Control Support	3,280.00
2017/18 Total		2,413,938.92

2018/19 – first 5 months

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2018/19 - first 5 months		
Supplier Name	Initiative	Amount
4OC Ltd	Project Support – Savings Programme	31,152.00
AXA PPP Healthcare OHS Ltd	Occupational Health Advice	1,733.68
Barker Storey Matthews	Property Advice – Town Hall	2,263.75
Bevan Brittan LLP	LACTO development advice	4,350.80
Civica UK Limited	ICT consultancy	1,025.00
Corazon Health Limited	Occupational health consultancy	240
Cranford Solutions (UK) Ltd	ICT support – interim	27,500.00
Cranford Solutions Ltd	ICT support – interim	21,000.00
Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation	Street cleansing purchasing support	7,974.00
Enterprise	Neighbourhoods Green open space project	9,991.00
Gerald Eve LLP	Finance Project Advice	12,500.00
Heales Health Services Ltd	Occupational Health Advice	7,643.40
Hegarty LLP	Advice – The Manor	250
Inform CPI Ltd	ICT consultancy	96,699.00
J C Associates	Complaints support	4,943.30
Mark Stephen Land Management	Development Control Advice	750
Mills & Reeve	Finance Advice	3,488.50
North Kesteven District Council	Planning & Housing Policy support	12,457.85
NPS Peterborough Ltd	Bridge Street Shops Project Roof mounted Solar PV Project Property Project Delivery	63,549.33
Penna Plc	Finance Interim Support Combined Authority Interim Support (Recharged where appropriate)	97,177.62
Prior Associates (Soham) Ltd	Resilience & Risk Advice	675
PS3 Safeguarding Limited	PCSB work	1,000.00
RJW Associates Ltd	PCSB work	1,700.01
Serco Ltd	Project Management and Support	62,586.81
2018/19 First 5 Months Total		472,651.05