

DECISION ITEM



REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	COUNCIL	17 OCTOBER 2016	17
REVENUES AND BENEFITS SHARED SERVICE			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

Fylde Borough Council's revenues and benefits service is administered by Blackpool Council under a shared service agreement. The original arrangement was entered into for a five year period running to the end of September 2013. This was extended for a further period in September 2013 and the agreement will run its course in 2017. The Finance and Democracy Committee, at its meeting 26 September 2016, commended the service and unanimously recommended to Council the continuance of the service and to enter into a rolling five year agreement.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To endorse the recommendation of the Finance and Democracy Committee and approve future arrangements with Blackpool Council for it to continue to discharge revenues and benefits functions on its behalf pursuant to Regulation 6 of the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012 and in this regard to enter into a rolling five year agreement.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Finance and Democracy Committee 26 September 2016 – “[Finance and Democracy Committee] **RESOLVED** to recommend to Council future arrangements with Blackpool Council for it to continue to discharge revenues and benefits functions on its behalf pursuant to Regulation 6 of the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012 and in this regard to enter into a rolling five year agreement.”

Cabinet 18 September 2013 – “In reaching its decision, Cabinet considered the details set out in the report before it and at the meeting and **RESOLVED**: to make arrangements with Blackpool Council for it to continue to discharge the revenues and benefits functions on Fylde Borough Council's behalf for a three year period from 1 October 2013 with an option to renew for a further 12 months pursuant to Regulation 5 of the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012.”

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	√
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	√

Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	√
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	

As the report was considered at the recent meeting of the Finance and Democracy meeting and was recommended in full without any amendments, the link below is to the full report as considered at Finance and Democracy Committee.

LINK TO INFORMATION

[Full report considered at Finance and Democracy Committee – 26 September 2016](#)

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	The financial implications are contained in the body of the linked report. The Council's base revenue budget contains provision on an ongoing basis for the cost of the shared revenues and benefits service.
Legal	The legal implications revolve around procurement and are contained in the body of the linked report.
Community Safety	None arising from this report
Human Rights and Equalities	None arising from this report
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None arising from this report
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None arising from this report

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
PDSC & Cabinet minutes	Sept 2013	www.fylde.gov.uk
Finance and Democracy minutes	Sept 2016	www.fylde.gov.uk