



Report to:Financial Resources Scrutiny ForumDate of Meeting:25 February 2010Report by:Executive Director (Finance and Information<br/>Technology Resources)

# Subject: Information Requested from Resources

# 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-
  - present information received from Resources in response to issues raised at the last meeting of the Forum held on 14 January 2010.

#### 2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Forum is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-
  - (1) that the responses received from Resources be considered.

#### 3. Background

3.1. At the meeting of the Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum held on 14 January 2010, variances across Resources and the explanation for those variances were considered. Information in relation to the issues highlighted was to be provided to this meeting of the Forum

# 4. Information Requested from Resources

#### 4.1. Community Resources - Artist Fees, Performing Arts and Entertainment

- 4.1.1. In relation to Community Resources, a query was raised with regards to artist fees, performing arts and entertainment within Facilities and Cultural Services.
- 4.1.2. Details were requested on whether the production of the musical "Annie" had run at a profit or a loss.

#### 4.2. Community Resources - Janitorial Services

- 4.2.1. In relation to Community Resources, a query was raised with regards to cleaning and janitorial supplies and services within Facilities and Cultural Services.
- 4.2.2. Details were requested on whether the overspend within this Service is the result of a greater number of school lets taking place, or if the actual price for each of the individual lets is greater than anticipated.

# 4.3. Education Resources - Other Property Costs

4.3.1. In relation to Education Resources, a query was raised in relation to Other Property Costs. The explanation to a previous query in this area stated that some of the savings made to assist in managing the budget pressures, had resulted in the

budgets being removed from service managers and held centrally within a general property costs budget line.

- 4.3.2. Additional information was requested which details the areas within Education Resources where the budget has been removed.
- 4.4. Responses to the various requests for information are provided in the memos attached as appendices to this report.

# 5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. None.
- 6. Financial Implications
- 6.1. None.
- 7. Other Implications
- 7.1. None.

#### 8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

8.1. There is no requirement to undertake an equality impact assessment or consultation in respect of the content of this report.

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1 February 2010

# Link(s) to Council Objectives/Improvement Themes/Values

- Efficient and effective use of resources
- Accountable, effective and efficient

#### **Previous References**

Minutes of 14 January 2010

# List of Background Papers

None

# **Contact for Further Information**

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