

Internal Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Friday, 18 May 2018

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Report of the Local Authority Funding and Income Generation Task Group Appendix 'A' refers

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Executive Summary

Provided at Appendix 'A' is the report of the Local Authority Funding and Income Generation Task Group

Recommendation

The Internal Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- i. Support the recommendations of the Task Group, as set out in the report at Appendix A;
- ii. Consider the appropriate mechanism for reviewing the responses to the Task Group's recommendations.

Background and Advice

At the 21 July and 22 September meetings of the Internal Scrutiny Committee, the following presentations were provided to members:

- Local Authority Funding Update
- Statutory and non-statutory services
- Lancashire County Council Income Update

From discussions following the presentations, it was agreed that a task group would be established to consider options in the following areas:

- Statutory/non-statutory services
- Income generation – funding streams/traded services
- Commercialisation
- Property portfolio

Membership of the Task Group

The following county councillors were appointed to the task and finish group:

- County Councillor Jayne Rear (chair)
- County Councillor Steven Holgate
- County Councillor Erica Lewis
- County Councillor Edward Nash
- County Councillor Paul Rigby
- County Councillor John Shedwick
- County Councillor David Whipp

Scope of the Scrutiny Review

The focus of the task and finish group was to identify various areas that could potentially provide an increase in income to support the financial sustainability of the county council.

The review sought to:

- Investigate further the current traded services available across the county council to identify any possible areas where traded services could be introduced/further enhanced.
- Understand and consider the current property portfolio to identify any potential scope for further streamlining.
- Further understand the statutory and non-statutory services with a view to making recommendations on potential scope to reduce any non-statutory services further.
- Understand and investigate funding streams not currently utilised by the county council and current income streams such as business rates, revenue funding grants etc. with a view to identifying potential ways to further maximise this area of funding.
- Understand and consider the possibilities around commercialisation from the documentation provided, case studies and/or discussion with other authorities who have used this method successfully.
- Make recommendations on how the county council could improve income generation through the use of additional funding streams, traded services and/or commercialisation.

Consultations

NA

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications.

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List of Background Papers**

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

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