

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>TOURISM, ECONOMY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Steve Thompson, Director of Resources
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	16 June 2016

## **ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANTS OVER £25K MONITORING REPORT**

### **1.0 Purpose of the report:**

1.1 The Committee to consider the appointment of consultants exceeding £25,000 for the period 1 February 2016 to 30 April 2016.

### **2.0 Recommendation(s):**

2.1 To consider the report and make any recommendations as considered appropriate.

### **3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):**

3.1 To enable Members to monitor the appointment of consultants exceeding £25,000 for the period 1 February 2016 to 30 April 2016 and make recommendations if appropriate.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

To not receive the report but this would prevent the Committee from effective monitoring of the appointment of consultants in excess of £25,000.

### **4.0 Council Priority:**

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is:

“The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool”

## **5.0 Background Information**

5.1 The Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 10 September 2015 requested to continue to receive regular reports in order to monitor all consultancy commissions for compliance with these recommendations.

- all proposed appointments of consultants exceeding £25,000 be reported to the Cabinet Member by the relevant Service Director detailing the nature and business case relating to the appointment in line with corporate priorities.
- in the case of 'long term' projects, progress reports to be submitted to the Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee at six monthly intervals by the relevant Service Director for monitoring against corporate priorities and business cases and to enable post project evaluation.
- The Head of Procurement and Projects to co-ordinate the submission of reports based upon information provided by the relevant officers.

## **5.3 Report**

5.3.1 The Committee is asked to note that all Service Directors have been contacted for information. The Places department has submitted a return for the appointment of a consultant during the period of 1 February 2016 to 30 April 2016 and this return has been attached at Appendix 6(a). All other departments have reported a nil return.

5.3.2 There will be no report submitted to Tourism, Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 21 July 2016. The next report will be submitted on 15 September 2016 and will include a list of any appointments (if applicable) made between 1 May 2016 and 31 July 2016.

5.4 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

## **5.5 List of Appendices:**

Appendix 6(a): Appointment of Consultants over £25,000.

## **6.0 Legal considerations:**

6.1 None.

## **7.0 Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 None.

**8.0 Equalities considerations:**

8.1 None.

**9.0 Financial considerations:**

9.1 As outlined in the Report.

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 None.

**11.0 Ethical considerations:**

11.1 None.

**12.0 Internal/External Consultation undertaken:**

12.1 None

**13.0 Background papers**

13.1 None.