Name of Committee and Date of Committee Meeting
Council – 23 May 2018

Report Title
Scrutiny Review – Use of agency, interim and consultancy staff

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?
No

Director Approving Submission of the Report
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Ward(s) Affected
All

Summary
The scrutiny report (attached as Appendix 1) presents the views of a cross-party review group on the Authority’s use of agency, interim and consultancy staff. The purpose of the review was to seek assurance that the Council measures performance and value for money in its use of agency staff and consultants and is taking appropriate action to maintain spend within acceptable limits. The recommendations made by Members are based on information and evidence collated during the course of the review and their challenge of existing practices and developing protocols.

This report is presented for information to share the findings with the wider membership of the Council. Following this meeting, the Cabinet will be required to respond formally to the recommendations and indicate agreement or otherwise, what action, will be taken to implement the recommendations, along with details of timescales and accountabilities.

Recommendations

1. That the report and recommendations in respect of use of agency, interim and consultancy staff, as outlined in Section 4 of Appendix 1, be noted.

2. That the report is forwarded to Cabinet and its response to the recommendations be fed back to Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

List of Appendices Included
Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Review: Use of agency, interim and consultancy staff

Background Papers
None
Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel
Overview and Scrutiny Management Board - 21 February 2018

Council Approval Required
No

Exempt from the Press and Public
No