

**COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKER**

**ACTIONS: 15 July 2015**

ACTION	OUTCOME	LEAD OFFICER
<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>1. <u>Chief Executive</u> (paragraph 1.1.1) - explain why there may be a potential underspend in Members Allowances (£70,000).</p> <p>2. <u>Children's Services</u> (paragraph 1.1.5) - provide an explanation of the overspend relating to placements and other pressures. The committee is unclear what placements relates to. What impact will the government's announcement requiring local authorities to care for looked after children up to the age of 25 have on the service area's budget?</p> <p>3. <u>City Management &amp; Communities</u> (paragraph 1.1.6) - what percentage of the commercial waste market in Westminster does the Council have?</p> <p>4. <u>City Management</u> (paragraph 1.2.8) - provide details of the procurement savings on automatic public conveniences (£0.125 million). Which contract does this relate to?</p> <p>5. <u>Housing Revenue Account (HRA)</u> (paragraph 1.2.11) - what are the implications for HRA revenue arising from the government requiring local authorities to reduce council rents by 1% per annum? Will that require a revision of the HRA capital programme?</p> <p>6. Please provide details of any LOBO loans taken out by the council.</p> <p>7. <u>Capital Expenditure</u> - how does slippage (to date) compare to the previous year?</p>	<p>A briefing note setting out the responses to questions were circulated on Thursday, 30 July 2015.</p>	<p>Steve Muldoon, Assistant City Treasurer</p>

## 2014/15 Performance Monitoring

1. Adult Services (Section 3.1.3): How is the success of the Customer Journey Operations Alignment being measured and reported?

2. Children's Services (Section 3.2.3): What are the performance indicators for the service improvement programme 'Focus on Practice'?

3. Children's Services: Provide details of the challenges to recruit foster carers, the plans in place to increase numbers and whether these are actually working.

4. Growth, Planning and Housing (Section 3.3.1): With regard to commissioned programmes to secure a range of paid employment opportunities for residents - how many residents helped into work have stayed in long term employment?

5. Growth, Planning and Housing (Section 3.3.1): What employment opportunities have the BIDs in Westminster provided to Westminster residents?

6. Growth, Planning and Housing Has the council reviewed opportunities of in-house management of Westminster properties rather than CityWest Homes?

7. Growth, Planning and Housing (Section 3.3.4): Provide further details about the challenges of determining planning applications within targeted timeframes. Why are applications to the council rising? Has there been an increase in small-scale applications despite the government relaxing planning laws for extensions where there are no objections.

A briefing note setting out the responses to questions were circulated on Thursday, 3 Sept 2015.

<p>8. <u>City Management and Communities (Waste)</u>: Provide details of the number of people that have paid £20 for the Council to remove unwanted household items in the last 12 months versus the cost to the Council of removing dumped waste. Is there a contract between Veolia and CityWest Homes to remove dumped waste on the council's housing estates and what is the cost of that?</p> <p>9. <u>City Management and Communities (Sports and Leisure)</u>: Provide an update on the Active Queens Park project (Moberly and Jubilee sites).</p> <p>10. <u>City Management and Communities (Section 3.3.3)</u>: Is it possible to have a concierge service (similar to what libraries have for businesses) for Members to assist them with services within the Council and a general information point?</p> <p>11. <u>Corporate Services, (Section 3.5.1)</u>: Provide a note of recent IT upgrades delivered in 2014 and how these are working including feedback provided from staff.</p> <p>12. <u>Corporate Services (Section 3.5.3)</u>: Provide details of the issues and problems to date associated with the implementation of the Managed Services Programme (Human Resources And Procurement). Members are aware that there have been problems with payments including ward budget projects and staff salaries.</p>		
<p><b>Annual Contract Review</b></p> <p>Provide the Committee with a note on how many live contracts Westminster currently has.</p>	<p>This information was circulated on 3 September</p>	