

**Council Overview & Scrutiny Committee  
10.30am on Wednesday 30 April 2014**

At its meeting on Monday 28 April 2014 the Performance & Finance Sub-Group considered the flash out-turn report for 2013/14 and Proposed Carry-Forward Requests to 2014/15. Amongst other items, the Sub-Group also discussed issues relating to Commercial Services, including the training, financial management and governance arrangements.

**Item 7: Flash Out-Turn Report for 2013/14 and Proposed Carry-Forward Requests to 2014/15**

The Sub-Group reviewed the report and noted that the provisional capital and revenue out-turn was broadly in line with the position projected in the budget monitoring report considered by the Committee at its last meeting. The Sub-Group did not make any specific recommendations, but requested the following additional information (with responses in italics):

- (a) The size of the overall budget for the Chairman of the Council and how it's spent.

*The Chairman's budget is £74,600 and is provided to support his activities. It is used for a variety of activities with both an internal and external focus, for example hosting Long service awards and civic services like remembrance and commonwealth days, and supporting the voluntary sector.*

*The chairman has a two year plan of activities to support the voluntary sector and wider community, for which the carry forward of £20,000 is requested.*

- (b) The identified schemes to be funded from the New Homes Bonus carry forward of £720,000.

*The New Homes Bonus funding carry forward of £720,000 has been identified for supporting economic development in the county.*

*£290,000 is being used to support the Sheerwater Link Road and the remainder on projects to support economic development such as;*

- *Creating capacity for the development of major schemes funded by DfT, Local Transport Bodies, LEPs etc*
- *Development of Transport strategies for 11 Surrey towns – to include strategy and implementation plans*
- *Supporting delivery of smart economic growth/ Surrey Connects action plan*

*The allocation of funding to the South East is still being determined.*

(c) A breakdown of the £160,000 on Member Allocations to be carried forward.

*This information is attached.*

### **Commercial Services**

Commercial Services is a trading department based within the Children, Schools & Families Directorate which provides catering services to schools and Council buildings. The Sub-Group noted that the biggest challenge facing the Service was currently the need to meet the requirement to provide Universal Infant Free Meals from September 2014, as many schools either did not have kitchens on site or had premises which needed extensive refurbishment to bring them up to the required legal standard. The importance of working closely with Property Services in order to achieve the September deadline was noted, and the Sub-Group made the following **recommendation**:

That the Committee seeks assurance from the Cabinet Member for Assets & Regeneration Programmes and from Property Services that Commercial Services be given sufficient support to enable them to be able to provide free school meals in all infant schools by 1 September 2014.

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**Chairman of the Performance & Finance Sub-Group**