



## **Record of a decision taken by the Resources Portfolio Holder**

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### **Procurement of external auditors for the certification of the Housing Benefit Subsidy Claim**

The Head of Finance submitted a report seeking approval to procure the services of Deloitte LLP to carry out the annual certification of the Housing Benefit (HB) subsidy claim and for this arrangement to be for the financial year 2018/19 only.

#### **Decision taken**

The portfolio holder agreed to proceed with the engagement of Deloitte LLP under the exemption to Contract Procedures contained within the Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules on the grounds that exceptions may apply regarding “the appointment of consultants, including architects, engineers, quantity surveyors, solicitors, barristers and other people providing professional services”.

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#### **What were the reasons for the recommendation and any other options were considered and rejected?**

Full details of the reasons for the recommendation and any alternative options that were considered but rejected, are included in the full reports.

#### **When will these decisions be implemented?**

All decisions will be put into effect five working days from the date of publication, unless a decision is “called-in” by any three members of the council within that period. The “call-in” procedure is set out in [Part 4 of the Council’s Constitution](#) (Paragraph 17 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules).

If a decision is “called-in”, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee may decide that the original decision should be upheld or ask the Portfolio Holder to reconsider the decision.

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