

Report of:	To:	Date	Item No.
Cllr Alan Vincent, Resources Portfolio Holder and Deputy Leader	Council	8 September 2016	8(b)

**Executive Report: Resources Portfolio Holder**

**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 To inform Council of progress on key objectives and the current position on issues within the Resources Portfolio, as set out below.

**2. Finance**

- 2.1 Cabinet, at their meeting last night, considered an update of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP), the previous version having originally been agreed back in March as part of the Estimate process. During the year, any changes to our spending forecast are presented to Management Board and the revision of the full plan in September allows us to update our prediction taking into account the previous year's financial performance, current developments in terms of central government policy and the latest information around inflationary increases.

- 2.2 The Government, as part of the 2016/17 settlement, indicated a four-year funding settlement to 2019/20. The offer is subject to the publication of an efficiency plan and must be formally accepted by 5pm on 14 October 2016. Authorities which do not take up the offer will be subject to the existing yearly process for determining the local government finance settlement. Allocations could be subject to additional reductions dependant on the fiscal climate and the need to make further savings to reduce the deficit.

- 2.3 The MTFP projects a gap of £2.2m in 2019/20 which will need to be addressed. A list of potential efficiency savings has been developed by the Corporate Management Team and Heads of Service and these will be progressed as appropriate.

**3. Human Resources**

- 3.1 One of the findings from the staff survey that was carried out at the beginning of the year was the need to refresh the role of the Staff Focus Group; the results indicated that staff were no longer utilising this group as originally intended. A workshop held on the 9 May 2016 with the Senior Leadership Team and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tier Managers discussed how the Staff Focus Group might be revamped in order to increase its usefulness and

improve the communication between Service Units. Suggestions from this workshop have been taken on board and representatives will now be asked to provide information regarding work/projects taking place in their area. The group will be chaired by a different representative at each meeting and it has been renamed the Staff Networking Group. A trial will take place and will be evaluated to ensure it is working effectively.

#### **4. Procurement**

**4.1** There is nothing specific to report at this time.

#### **5. Asset management**

**5.1** Construction works will soon start on the Teanlowe Day Centre to create a self-contained unit to be occupied by the Teanlowe 60+ community centre. Once this work is complete, we will be advertising for a new tenant for the other part of the building.

**5.2** A 3 year lease for Poulton Youth and Community Centre has been agreed with the Management Committee of McKee College House. The first two years rental income will cover the cost of current roof repairs, with any ongoing rental being additional income.

**5.3** Funding from the Capital Investment Reserve is being used to meet the cost of a new heating system at Fleetwood Leisure Centre and to progress the backlog of roof repairs for Marine Hall, Fleetwood Market, Cleveleys Bus Station and metal roofs and gutters at Thornton Leisure Centre.

#### **6. Comments and questions**

**6.1** In accordance with procedure rule 11.3 any member of Council will be able to ask me a question or make a comment on the contents of my report or on any issue, which falls within my area of responsibility. I will respond to any such questions or comments in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.5.