
**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE
HELD ON 30 AUGUST 2011**

**EX.108/11 REFERENCE FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE – AUDIT SERVICES
PROGRESS REPORT**
(Non Key Decision)

Portfolio Governance and Resources

Subject Matter

Pursuant to Minute AUC.54/11, consideration was given to a reference from the Audit Committee following their consideration of report RD.33/11 which summarised the work carried out by Audit Services since the previous report to Committee on 5 July 2011 and detailed progress made against the 2011/12 Audit Plan up to 22 July 2011. The Audit Committee had resolved:

"(1) That report RD.33/11 be received and progress made against the agreed 2011/12 Audit Plan be noted.

(2) That the Audit Committee had considered and agreed the proposed changes to the Audit Plan, as detailed within the report, subject to the Assistant Director (Resources) submitting a report (with input from relevant Officers) updating Members on the areas of Procurement and Supporting People after Christmas 2011. That would enable the Audit Committee to take an informed view as to when thorough audits of those areas could proceed.

(3) That the Executive be informed that the Audit Committee had considered the final audit of Housing and Council Tax Benefits Overpayments and had raised concerns as outlined above. Members were particularly concerned to ensure that the deadlines for completion of the agreed actions in response to the various recommendations were adhered to. The Committee had therefore requested a further report, setting out the current position with regard to the recommendations contained within the audit, should those deadlines not be met by the due dates.

The Committee wished to extend an invitation to the Portfolio Holder to attend their next meeting in September 2011.

(4) That the Audit Committee would give consideration to the Revenues and Benefits Shared Service at a future meeting."

A copy of the Minute Excerpt had been circulated.

The Chairman of the Audit Committee outlined the background to submission of the reference, emphasising the concerns raised by Members with regard to the final audit of Housing and Council Tax Benefits Overpayments. She added that those concerns were not only matters for this Council but also the Shared Service. The Committee had requested a further report and extended an invitation to the Portfolio Holder to attend their next meeting in September 2011.

In response the Leader stated that the Portfolio Holder would discuss the matter with the Assistant Director (Resources) with a view to moving it forward.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

1. That the Executive had considered the reference from the Audit Committee concerning the final audit of Housing and Council Tax Benefits Overpayments.
2. That the Portfolio Holder would discuss the concerns raised with the Assistant Director (Resources) with a view to moving the matters forward.

Reasons for Decision

To respond to a reference from the Audit Committee.