

General Purposes Group Report

Purpose

1. This report updates the Board on the activities of the General Purposes Group.

Key issues

2. The financial position as at the end of January 2020 was considered, the group were satisfied that the budget reflects an accurate position and that a small surplus is projected for year end. The budget position as at the end of February 2020 will be presented at the Board meeting.
3. Professional fees are forecast to be significantly higher than the amount originally budgeted. There have been extra costs incurred, such as the Stakeholder Engagement survey and professional costs for some projects. The latter has been recovered, hence the increased income figure. Our new budget framework will enable projects costs to be more easily reported.
4. The group considered the draft budget for 2020/21 and discussed accurate and appropriate resourcing to meet operational needs. The draft budget is attached and is recommended for approval.
5. The group considered these three policies and recommends them to the Board for approval:
 - Whistleblowing (attached)
 - Complaints (attached)
 - Equality and Diversity (attached)

Action required by the Board

5. The Board is asked to:
 - Approve the budget for 2020/21 and
 - Approve the policies as listed.

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