

Mayor and Cabinet		
Title	Comments of the Public Accounts Select Committee on income generation	
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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Public Accounts Select Committee, arising from discussions about income generation.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the Committee's comments as set out in this report and ask the Executive Director for Resources and Regeneration to provide a response.

3. Public Accounts Select Committee views

- 3.1 On Thursday 20 December, the Public Accounts Select Committee considered an officer report and a briefing from the Committee's Vice-Chair on the issue of income generation.
- 3.2 The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:
- The Committee welcomes officers' report on income generation and is pleased with the comprehensiveness of the new income generation strategy. The Committee endorses the new strategy and recommends that it is agreed by Mayor and Cabinet.
 - Pending a decision by Mayor and Cabinet on the income generation strategy and the new fees and charges framework, the Committee looks forward to a future report on fees and charges in due course (a provisional update has been included on the Committee's work plan for March 2019).
 - The Committee anticipates progress on cultural change at the Council to stimulate commercial thinking and to bolster entrepreneurial activity. It is eager that this change permeates throughout all of the Councils directorates, divisions and services.
 - The Committee believes that the Council should retain corporate support for procurement and commercial services in order to coordinate and support this work.
 - The Committee asks that, in a years' time, officers return with a comprehensive review of the first year of the strategy and that this includes an assessment of the areas that have been considered and potential future income targets.
 - The Committee endorses the work carried out by its Vice-Chair and it has attached the briefing she has provided to this referral.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se; but there may be financial implications arising from carrying out the action proposed by the Committee.

5. Legal implications

- 5.1 The Constitution provides for Select Committees to refer reports to the Mayor and Cabinet, who are obliged to consider the report and the proposed response from the relevant Executive Director; and report back to the Committee within two months (not including recess).

6. Further implications

- 6.1 At this stage there are no specific environmental, equalities or crime and disorder implications to consider. However, there may be implications arising from the implementation of the Committee's recommendations.

Background papers

Public Accounts Select Committee agenda, 20 December 2018:

<https://tinyurl.com/PAC201218>

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