

Mayor and Cabinet			
Report Title	Response to comments by the Public Accounts Select Committee on Income Generation		
Key decision	No	Item No	
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Class	Part 1	Date	18 September 2019

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. To consider and respond to matters raised by the Public Accounts Select Committee and initially considered by Mayor and Cabinet on 8 May 2019.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Mayor and Cabinet are recommended to:

- i. Note officer comments as set out in this report; and
- ii. Consider whether to provide a response to the Public Accounts Select Committee (PASC) in line with those comments.

3. Public Accounts Select Committee views

- 3.1. On Wednesday 20 March, the Public Accounts Select Committee considered an officer report and a presentation from the Association for Public Service Excellence on income generation and commercialisation.
- 3.2. The Committee heard that ensuring that services had access to quality information about their income and expenditure was an important part of building a culture of commercialisation.
- 3.3. The Committee resolved to advise Mayor and Cabinet of the following:
- i. In order to allow for the tracking and development of income generating activities the Committee believes that, for the appropriate services, officers should be tasked with considering the reimplementation of trading accounts.

4. Officer Comments

- 4.1. The Council has in prior years established and operated trading accounts for those teams delivering commercially traded services.

- 4.2. In the previous various version of Oracle Financial (E-Business Suite), traded accounts were not established and furthermore, the budget monitoring process did not manually include these.
- 4.3. Officers propose that with the recent roll out of the latest version of Oracle (Cloud Fusion), that for those services where they undertake and deliver commercially traded services that these be established. Establishing the process to use trading accounts is currently being considered in the context of being developed alongside the improvements to the financial monitoring process.
- 4.4. Officers propose that PASC be provided with further details of this as part of the regular officer reporting on income generation.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. None except as set out in the body of the report.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1. Any decisions by services on how and whether they undertake and deliver commercially traded services would have to be made in line with relevant legal obligations. The proposals in this report would provide support for any such decisions. Otherwise there are no legal implications except as set out in the body of the report.

7. Crime and Disorder Implications

- 7.1. There are no specific crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

8. Equalities Implications

- 8.1. There are no specific equalities implications arising from this report.

9. Environmental Implications

- 9.1. There are no specific environmental implications arising from this report.

10. Conclusion

- 10.1. This report sets out the matters to be considered by Mayor and Cabinet with regard to the matter referred for consideration by PASC, so that Mayor and Cabinet can decide whether to provide a response to PASC in line with those comments.