

Item 6.1 Business bulletin

Finance and Resources Committee

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Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

Finance and Resources Committee

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Recent news	Background
<p>Finance staffing structure</p> <p>Members of the Finance and Resources Committee may recall that the February 2013 Council budget motion approved the delivery of £1m of recurring annual savings over the period to 2017/18 through a review of the current accounting and financial support functions. This level of savings represents over 20% of the existing service budget and is in addition to a similar level of savings already delivered since 2010. Besides the identification of savings, however, there is an acknowledged need for a more fundamental re-alignment of the service to support the Council's transformation and prioritisation programmes by providing insightful financial information and analysis to key decision-makers.</p> <p>The Employees' Side Secretary and Head of Organisational Development were therefore advised of the formal start of the review in late October and an initial meeting has now been held with all staff within its scope. Following a period of consultation on the proposed new structure, it is anticipated that the revised</p>	<p>Meets Pledge 30 and Outcome 25</p>

arrangements will be fully in place by the summer. Members of the Committee will be kept updated of the review's progress as it develops.

Forthcoming activities:

The next Finance and Budget Policy Development & Review Subcommittee will take place on 6 December at 10am. The topic is 'A price worth paying – the role of fees and charges in the Council's budget' and will look at how the Council can use income from property rentals, parking charges, health and social care user charges, use of school facilities, culture and sport, etc. to maximise the level of resources available for frontline services.

Links

Pledges	P30 - Continue to maintain a sound financial position including long-term financial planning
Council outcomes	CO25 - The Council has efficient and effective services that deliver on objectives
Single Outcome agreements	