

**SOUTH RIBBLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING 27 FEBRUARY 2013**

**REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
30 JANUARY 2013**

BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT – Q3

- Commended the presentation, readability and level of detail in the report
- Informed that a current projected underspend of £679,000 allowed a projected outturn transfer to the General Reserve of £242,000
- Acknowledged that some of the budgetary savings achieved were as a result of one-off, exceptional events that could not have been foreseen
- Agreed to invite the Director of Business Transformation to attend a future meeting to brief members on the business transformation work programme
- Highlighted the difference between the political role of the Council in setting the budget and the apolitical role of the Governance Committee in monitoring the effective implementation and management of the Council's decisions

TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

- Received a report outlining the council's prudential indicators and treasury strategy to 2015/16
- Agreed to request that Cabinet recommend to Council that the three month limit on investments with financial institutions other than those which were part nationalised be ended
- Noted that the institutions in which the council could invest were becoming ever more limited and therefore agreed to request that Cabinet consider increasing the limit for each of the part-nationalised banks from £3.0m to £5.0m, of which no more than £3.0m per bank may be on fixed term deposit at any one time

INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT AS AT END OF NOVEMBER 2012

- Accepted an offer from the Head of Shared Financial Services to provide a future briefing on the recent tender selection process used for the Council's banking services
- Discussed the review of Internal Audit Key Performance Indicators, including the findings of a survey of internal audit performance indicators used by other local authorities in the county, and agreed that officers should bring final recommendations to the next meeting

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PROGRESS REPORT

- Received a report on the progress made to strengthen the council's governance arrangements and commended the considerable progress made to date
- Commented how well and promptly the authority dealt with changes required by legislation

FORWARD PLAN

Noted without debate.

I hereby commend the report to Council.

COUNCILLOR PAUL FOSTER
VICE-CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE