

Report to: **Scrutiny Committee**



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Expenditure on Consultants and Agency staff 2020/21

Report summary:

This report details capital and revenue spend on consultants and specialist advice and agency staff for 2020/21. The Audit and Governance Committee received previous reports.

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes No

Policy Framework Yes No

Recommendation:

To note the details of expenditure on consultants and agency staff in 2020/21

Reason for recommendation:

To report to Members of Scrutiny Committee the expenditure on consultants and agency staff in the delivery of Council services.

Officer: Melissa Muir, Assistant Accountant

Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- Climate Action and Emergency Response
- Coast, Country and Environment
- Council and Corporate Co-ordination
- Democracy, Transparency and Communications
- Economy and Assets
- Finance
- Strategic Planning
- Sustainable Homes and Communities
- Tourism, Sports, Leisure and Culture

Equalities impact Low Impact

Climate change Low Impact

Risk: Low Risk;

Links to background information N/A

Link to [Council Plan](#)

Priorities (check which apply)

- Better homes and communities for all
 - A greener East Devon
 - A resilient economy
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Purpose of Report

1. Consultants Expenditure

1.1 Expenditure on consultants and specialised technical advice has been analysed between items £10,000 and greater (Appendix A 2020/21), and less than £10,000 (Appendix B 2020/21). These are then split between Revenue and Capital expenditure.

1.2 Both lists show the Supplier, the service area / capital project for which the work has been done, and the responsible officer. Items over £10,000 also have the reason for the external consultation.

1.3 Summary of expenditure is in the following table:

Consultants 2019/20	Capital £	Revenue £	Total £
Total Over £10,000	296,196	401,138	697,334
Total Under £10,000	22,043	249,707	271,750
Grand Total	318,239	650,845	969,084

Comparison:

Consultants 2020/21	Capital £	Revenue £	Total £
Total Over £10,000	179,659	522,304	701,963
Total Under £10,000	15,853	136,403	152,257
Grand Total	195,512	658,707	854,220

2. Agency expenditure

2.1 Expenditure on agency staff has been analysed by service. (Appendix C.) There is no expenditure on agency staff for Capital projects.

2.2 The list shows the Supplier, the service area for which the work has been done, and the responsible officer with the reason for the use of agency staff.

2.3 Summary of expenditure is in the following table:

Agency	Revenue £
2020/21	361,219
2019/20	490,989

Financial implications:

The financial implications are included within the body of the report.

Legal implications:

There are no specific legal issues raised within this report.