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Subject: Consultant spend included in 2020/21 draft budget

Dear Councillor,

During the 2020/21 budget process members have asked for further details on consultancy spend. Attached are the amounts allocated in next year's budget, a total of £453k, with explanatory commentary added. The Finance System does not hold the Capital Budget at this level, actual spend however is recorded against the correct classification so year-end reports can identify the full spend on consultants.

A report is presented annually to the Audit & Governance Committee to consider consultant spend with questions focused around value for money; the latest report can be found here:

<https://democracy.eastdevon.gov.uk/documents/g284/Public%20reports%20pack%2024th-Oct-2019%2014.30%20Audit%20and%20Governance%20Committee.pdf?T=10>

Item 10 on the agenda.

The next report will be for 2019/20 actual spend to be presented to members in June/July 2020. From discussions with the Chairs of Scrutiny and Audit & Governance Committees it is likely this report in future will be presented to Scrutiny.

Regards

Simon.

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