

ONESOURCE JOINT COMMITTEE

Subject heading:

oneSource update for July 2017

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Financial summary:

This report provides an update of current activity across oneSource.

SUMMARY

The updates in this report include:-

- The governance structures review.
- Oracle
- Commercial developments.

An update on the budget is detailed in a separate report on this agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Joint Committee is asked to note the report.

REPORT DETAIL

The Governance Structures Review

A review of oneSource's governance structures was undertaken by New Networks earlier this year. A copy of this report has been provided to Members separately. At the end of the review, the Chief Executives from the three councils asked the oneSource Management Team to draft a response. This has also been provided to Members separately.

Funding is being sought from the three councils to take the review to the next stage which is to develop a business case and a five year strategy for oneSource for approval by the three councils in September 2017. Red Quadrant have been identified by oneSource as the consultancy best placed to assist it through this next stage. The appointment of Red Quadrant will be through the Bloom consultancy framework at a cost of £120,500. Funding will be split between the councils 3:3:1 in proportion to Joint Committee membership.

The two Leaders from Havering and Bexley and the Mayor of Newham met on 17 July to discuss the reports and a verbal update will be provided at the Joint Committee meeting.

Oracle

Gartner was commissioned to undertake a review of Newham's requirements for finance, payroll and HR systems in the future. The results of this review are awaited. Once Newham has taken a view on its preferred way forward, financial systems strategies will be developed for Havering, Newham and Bexley.

Newham and Havering have both agreed to extend the Cap Gemini contract for at least one year and the contract arrangements are being worked through. The contract should be signed off by the end of July.

Commercial developments

oneSource had a presence at the LGA Conference in early July for the first time. This was very successful and we are exploring the possibility of a stand, or a shared stand, at the 2018 LGA conference. We also had a low-cost stand at the CIPFA conference. We received a lot of interest over the two events, from councils wishing to buy services from us, councils wishing to learn from us, sector specialists keen to engage us to assist them in spreading good practice and even private companies wishing to explore the potential for selling services in partnership. A number of leads have been generated which will be followed up.

Existing leads are still being pursued but few firm commitments have yet been crystallised. An update will be provided at the meeting.

oneSource has been shortlisted in the IRRV Awards, specifically for enforcement services. We are up against two private companies and a joint service in Dorset. Regular award nominations are keeping our profile high in the sector.

We also continue to be awarded work by the Newham small businesses as they move to company status. This is requiring oneSource to rethink the offer it provides, diversifying into services that are more suited to small businesses and improving our customer service. Our services are improving fast in these areas and this could become a growing side to the business over time, beyond companies connected to the three partner councils.

Legal implications and risks:

None

Financial Implications and risks:

None

HR Implications and risks:

None

Background Papers

None