

SCRUTINY CALL-IN

<p>Names of Members: (minimum of 2) (indicate Lead Member)</p>

<p>Councillors Twomey (LM) and Rodwell</p>

<p>Date of Cabinet: 14 December 2012</p>

<p>Item for Call-in:</p>

<p>Budget Strategy 2012/13 to 2014/15, and in that respect the proposed budget savings outlined in Item CEX/SAV/01 relating to the CE's organisational review, specifically the proposed deletion of the post of Divisional Director of Assurance and Risk</p>

<p>Decision of Cabinet:</p>

<p>To approve the above proposal with effect from 1 April 2012</p>

<p>Reasons for Call-in:</p>

<p>(include supportive statement on additional sheet(s) if necessary)</p>

<p>Over the past 18 months a number of compliance issues have been brought to the attention of PAASC. There have been a number of examples relating to both actual and perceived policy and procedural lapses.</p>

<p>This culminated in a recent report to the committee where members expressed a wish to do a general review of compliance within the organisation – partly triggered by the number of “limited assurance” internal audit reports there have been.</p>

<p>Compliance and assurance have been identified by CMT as a corporate risk, yet the CEO has decided to remove the Assurance and Risk post in the savings proposals.</p>

<p>The dilution of this function within other employee roles will cause a regression of the overall risk and assurance levels currently achieved. Even though we have improved in this area over the last 3 years we have only managed to achieve a 56% total on substantial assurance.</p>

<p>In these times of severe cuts, savings and organisational change it is important to consider and protect our staff, members, customers and clients by having, and more importantly, implementing a clear risk mitigation strategy across the organisation</p>
