



To: Finance & Resources Policy Board

On: 13 May, 2015

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

**Heading: ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE EXCELLENCE (APSE)
MEMBERSHIP**

1. Summary

- 1.1 Consideration requires to be given to continuation of the Council's membership during 2015/16 of the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Council continues its membership of the Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) during 2015/16 at a cost of £3250 exclusive of VAT.
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3. Background

- 3.1 At the meeting of the Finance & Resources Policy Board held on 27th August, 2014 it was agreed to continue membership of APSE for 2014/15. Correspondence has been received from APSE inviting the Council to continue its membership during 2015/16.
- 3.2 Following consultation with the Directors of Community Resources and Development & Housing Services, both have indicated that continued

membership of APSE would benefit the Authority by providing a forum for the exchange of information and experience, and in offering guidance and advice on issues relevant to methods of service delivery. The affiliation fee will be borne by these services they incorporate trading organisations.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** - Membership fee has increased by £150 from 2014-15.
 2. **HR & Organisational Development** - None
 3. **Community Planning** – None
 4. **Legal** - none.
 5. **Property/Assets** - none.
 6. **Information Technology** - none
 7. **Equality & Human Rights**
 - (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
 8. **Health & Safety** - none
 9. **Procurement** - none
 10. **Risk** - none
 11. **Privacy Impact** - none.
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