

Subject: Use of Resources Report (2007)

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Date: 5th June 2008

Report of: Head of Financial Services

Portfolio

Holder: Finance and Resources

Key Decision: Yes / No

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform the committee of the January 2008 published Use of Resources Report for 2007.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities and associated corporate objective.

- Well Managed Council (Improvement, Community Network)

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation(s) in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:

- The annual Use of Resources (UoR) will provide significant evidence for the new Comprehensive Area Assessment (the CAA) which is scheduled for 2009. The next UoR for 2008 is therefore key documentary evidence for the CAA.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 4.1 The Use of Resources (UoR) assessment evaluates how well councils manage and use their resources. This is the third assessment that has been undertaken at Rossendale Borough Council.
- 4.2 The five theme scores for Rossendale Borough Council are outlined in the attached report and are scored 1 to a maximum 4.
- 4.3 The Council has consolidated and improved in a number of areas upon its 2006 scores
- 4.4 The Council has set itself a target of a score of 3 overall by 2010.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

5. SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 5.1 Financial implications are noted in the report. The overall scores ranging from 2 to 4, concludes that the Council has adequate arrangements in place.

6. MONITORING OFFICER

- 6.1 During the course of 2007/08 a number of improvements have take place which should show further improvement for the next UoR 2008.

7. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

- 7.1 There are no immediate significant People and Organisational issues.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The report concludes that amongst other things, the Council continues to demonstrate its commitment to improving arrangements for managing and using its resources.

9. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 9.1 That members are recommended to note the Audit Commissions Use of Resources report and thank them for their comments

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 10.1 None specifically

11. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is an Equality Impact Assessment required Yes / No

Is an Equality Impact Assessment attached Yes / No

12. BIODIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment required Yes / No

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No background papers (other than the report itself)