



Border to Coast Joint Committee

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Report Title: Joint Committee Budget (for information and read only)

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1.0 Recommendation

1.1 The Joint Committee is asked to note

- the final spend in 2019/20 was £14,000 against a budget of £40,000
- the position for the 2020/21 budget

2.0 2019/20 Joint Committee Budget

2.1 At the Joint Committee meeting on 11th March 2019 a budget of £40,000 was approved for 2019/20.

2.2 This Budget of £40,000 is based on a basic cost estimate included in a report from Deloitte, obtained in May 2016, as part of the initial cost benefit analysis for the submission to Government. As previously noted it is difficult to determine whether this budget is set at the appropriate level. This will be monitored both in year and for future years and may be adjusted accordingly.

2.3 The Budget is intended to cover costs incurred by the Joint Committee and the partner funds, including the secretarial services to convene and run meetings, and for collective advice and support (internal from partner funds and external sources) which may be required from time to time by all partner funds.

2.4 It is also considered reasonable that this budget is used to cover travel costs and expenses for any members or officers who are attending meetings to represent all partner funds. This will include but will not be limited to meetings with MHCLG and Cross Pool meetings. This budget will not be used where members and officers are attending meetings to represent their own funds including Joint Committee meetings and Officer Operations Group Meetings.

2.5 The budget will also be used to cover travel expenses for scheme member representatives appointed as observers to the Joint Committee. This is

because they will be deemed to be representing the scheme members from all partner funds.

2.6 In line with the cost sharing principles these costs will be shared equally between the partner funds.

3.0 Final Expenditure to 31st March 2020

3.1 In 2019/20 the total expenditure against the budget of £40,000 was £14,000. A breakdown of the expenditure incurred is shown below;

Secretariat Support to Joint Committee - £1,600

Catering and Room Hire for Joint Committee - £3,300

Legal Advice - £8,600

Travel and Subsistence - £500

3.2 As can be seen from the paragraph above the largest element of cost is in relation to legal work. This relates to;

- Advice from Counsel in connection with the appointment of a Partner Fund Nominated Non Executive Director.
- External legal advice in connection with the Border to Coast Compensation Policy, following an error. To date £3,800 has been charged for this, but there has also been work undertaken in 2020/21 and this will be charged against next years budget.

4.0 Budget for 2020/21

4.1 At the Joint Committee meeting in March 2020 a budget of £40,000 was approved for 2020/21.

4.2 A forecast of expenditure against this budget head has not been provided due to the fact it is very early in the financial year.

5.0 Conclusion

5.1 The current expenditure is within the Joint Committee Budget.

5.2 The budget for 2020/21 has been set £40,000.

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Further Information and Background Documents:

N/A
