Policy and Resources Committee – Terms of Reference

The Policy and Resources Committee has two main areas of responsibility, which is to provide strategic direction to the operation of the Council, including making decisions on policies and co-ordinating spend not reserved to full Council, and to maintain a strategic overview of outcomes, performance, risk management and budgets.

The Committee is charged by full Council to:-

(a) formulate, co-ordinate and implement corporate policies and strategies and the medium term financial plan (budget), which includes responsibility for any decision:

  (i) that relates to such matters to the extent that they are not reserved to full Council;
  (ii) on any cross-cutting policies that impact on other committee areas;
  (iii) on policy matters not otherwise allocated to any other committee; and
  (iv) to determine any dispute or difference between committees;

(b) provide a co-ordinating role across all other service committees and retain a 'whole-council' view of performance, budget monitoring and risk management, which includes responsibility for a decision:
  (i) that has a major impact on a number of Council services or on the Council as a whole;
  (ii) on any virement between Budget funds (revenue) requested by a Committee or officer in excess of **£500,000**;
  (iii) on any virement between Budget funds (capital) or any amendment to the Capital Programme requested by a Committee or officer in excess of £500,000
  (iv) regarding land and property including major acquisition and disposals, which includes reserved decision making concerning any purchase, sale or transfer of a value in excess of, or likely to exceed, **£**500,000, unless the Committee has delegated this function in relation to a specified area or business plan as the Committee may determine
  (v) regarding companies or limited liability partnerships including acquisition and disposals; and
  (vi) which is deemed significant in terms of impact on the Council's revenue or capital (to be determined by the Head of Paid Service and/or Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Leader);

(c) without limiting the generality of responsibility for cross-cutting policies (at (a) above), lead on behalf of the Council:
  (i) in matters concerning relationships with HM Government, the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and other major public and non-public bodies;

(d) appoint Council representatives as required;

(e) nominate councillors and other persons to outside bodies; and

(f) undertake responsibility for developing and monitoring the enabling corporate services, including, finance and investment, project support and risk management, strategic procurement and commercial strategies, ICT, property and asset management, human resources and organisational development, law and governance, communications and public affairs, emergency planning and business continuity.