

Corporate Services and Operations

Executive Lead: The Elected Mayor

Responsible Officer: Anne-Marie Bond

Corporate Support, Communications and Directors (JOT)

Corporate support combines a range of services which support the operation of the Council's services and includes support to the Overview and Scrutiny function within the Council. Policy, Performance and Review Team sets a framework for consultation and equalities and they also support the development of Corporate Policy and complete statutory data returns along with analysing of a wide range of data. The Information Governance, Data Protection and Records Management services also forms part of this service, dealing with customer feedback and Freedom of Information Act requests.

Governance Support

This section of the budget reflects the expenditure incurred in relation to supporting the Council's decision making process and the political processes. It is a multi-skilled team who also undertake Election work including registration of electors. Member's allowances are also held in the budget.

Human Resources

Human Resources provide a service to the Council, schools and external organisations such as Torbay Development Agency and Academies. The service provides professional advice on a wide range of employment related issues, disciplinary and grievance and a range of services such as Payroll, Pensions, Occupational Health, Learning and Development, Counselling, Coaching, Mediation, Policy Development and Recruitment Services. This budget also includes the cost of the Council wide apprentice scheme now funded corporately and (from April 2017) the apprentice levy.

Legal Services

Legal Services are provided to the Council, its Officers, Members and Committees. The division consist of the following Legal teams:- Property & Environment, Adult and Children's safeguarding, Litigation and Legal support including Records.

Legal Services also incorporates insurance and the Coroner which is now administrated by Plymouth City Council as the new lead body for the combined Coroners area.

Registration of Births, Death and Marriages

This service is responsible for the registration of birth and deaths and the officiation of marriages in accordance with the statutory requirements.

Treasury Management

This area of the budget reflects the costs of borrowing to support capital expenditure, both interest paid and repayment of principal (Minimum Revenue Provision), interest earnt on cash balances, principal and interest costs of PFI projects offset by PFI Credits from government, treasury charges including bank charges and other income from services for supported borrowing, investment properties and bank charges.