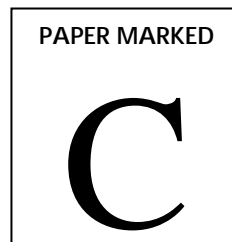


LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY



Meeting **POLICE AUTHORITY**

Date **TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 2009 – 2.00 P.M.**

Report of **CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Subject **MEMBER LEAD ROLE FOR ASSET MANAGEMENT**

Purpose of Report

1. This report suggests a solution to an issue raised in an audit report concerning the Authority's governance of assets.

Commentary

2. The External Auditor's report on Police Use of Resources Evaluation (PURE) suggested the Authority should allocate responsibility for the Authority's entire asset management to an individual member. The full report of the Auditors was presented to the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 9 December 2008.
3. The Auditors' recommendation for a lead member is a familiar refrain. In some situations, it allows a level of detailed knowledge to accrue to a governing body's member without encumbering vast resources. However, this approach can, in some circumstances, be inappropriate. The knowledge of the subject matter may need wider scope than resting solely with one individual. When the individual leaves the organisation the knowledge goes with it unless updates have been imported along the way.
4. Hence members are invited to decide whether this subject matter rests happily on an individual's shoulders or better being shared with a full committee. In this case Finance and General Purposes Committee is the appropriate committee.
5. If the latter suggestion finds favour the 'lead role' can nominally be given to the Chairman of that Committee but he can require information to be submitted regularly on the subject to the full Committee.

Recommendation

6. The Auditor's suggestion be adopted by the lead role falling to the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Implications

Financial: none. Legal: none. Diversity: none. Risk Management: none.

Background Papers

None.

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