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TRANSFORMATION / CORPORATE MODERNISATION

In recent weeks a lot of work has been done to ensure the Transformation work being undertaken ties in with the Medium Term Financial Plan alongside the work being done to implement the Commercial Strategy. Transformation has now become 'Corporate Modernisation' with a view to all teams corporately working towards modernisation with a 'One Council' approach. Changes and new themes have been well received by all so far.

This method of approach will empower Service Unit Managers to be more involved and encourage proactive modernisation with the support (and challenge where required) of future projects. Resource is to be assessed and allocated realistically to ensure targets are met.

The Commercial Waste project is progressing extremely well. A new Firmstep process has been introduced which will deliver operational savings, improved customer experience and help to maximise income streams. Commercial waste income exceeded budget by £50k in 2017/18, which was a massive achievement given the significant changes delivered within the service during the year. The sales team has been enhanced to deliver the £100k income target built into the 2018/19 budget and there is a strong expectation that the target will be exceeded.

Income from the holiday lets process also exceeded expectation in 2017/18 and the final outturn position for 2018/19 was £42k above budget and delivered an overall income of £157k for the Council.

ICT

Tour de Yorkshire

The team set up and managed the main Control Centre, the event Media Centre and the technology requirements of the race finish line.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The team are delivering technology-led projects required for the Council to achieve lawful compliance with the GDPR.

Dean Road Depot building works

The team are collaborating with Depot staff to ensure the technology requirements of the reconfiguration of Dean Road Depot to receive Manor Road staff are successfully achieved.

Smart Passes

The team are leading a project to upgrade the Town Hall and Dean Road Depot door access technology system to improve staff safeguarding, building and information security. The solution will utilise intelligent security ID passes.

PLANNING

The work of the Planning Service continues to grow, with increased interest in sites allocated for development within the adopted Local Plan, and a number of potentially significant commercial investment opportunities. The Service is continuing to diversify its income streams through carrying out bespoke pieces of work for other local planning authorities in the sub-region, building on the in house expertise stemming from the work on the Local Plan and development viability.