

Finance and Resources Committee, 31 January 2013

New bank account

Executive summary and recommendations

Introduction

Santander UK plc is currently offering competitive term deposit interest rates.

Decision

The Committee is asked to approve the opening of a deposit account with Santander.

Background information

We currently have £6m in instant access accounts with Lloyds and NatWest which exceeds our short term cash requirements. £2m of this could be placed on term deposit, but our existing banks have reduced their rates from 1.25% to 0.50%. Santander is a UK bank which has a Standard and Poor AA rating and still offers 2.5% for a 1 year term deposit. This deposit is in accordance with the terms of our investment policy and we would incur no charges.

We will only open a deposit account as a current account is not required and transfers to and from the account can be made electronically from our account at Lloyds. The proposed signatories are the Chair of Council, the Chair of the Finance and Resources Committee and the Chief Executive and Registrar.

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

HCPC income and expenditure for the year ending 31 March 2014.

Appendices

None

Date of paper

21 January 2013