

Section A –
*Matters for
Consideration- Item 7*

MEMORANDUM TO CHIEF MINISTER AND MEMBERS OF THE POLICY COUNCIL

HSSD Visiting Consultants Project – FTP savings £650,000

Attached is a letter received from the Public Accounts Committee expressing its serious reservations as to the appropriateness of the classification of the financial benefits associated with HSSD's "Visiting Consultants" project as an FTP saving. The letter specifically requests that the Policy Council revisits this decision in order to ensure it is valid in both the letter and the spirit of the FTP criteria.

For information previous correspondence with PAC on this matter, the original briefing paper considered by Policy Council on 15th July 2013 and the subsequent minute* are also attached.

Please note that should the Policy Council decide to reverse this decision these savings would be removed from both the overall FTP and the HSSD FTP totals. This would have a material impact on the HSSD FTP portfolio increasing the Departments forecast shortfall from its current position of £2.8m to almost £3.5m.

POLICY COUNCIL IS ASKED:

- **To consider whether it wishes to reverse the decision to allow the financial benefits from the transfer of responsibility for Visiting Consultants to count as an FTP saving.**

Bethan Haines
States Treasurer

April 2014

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It is therefore requested that Policy Council revisit this particular proposal to ensure that the rationale for inclusion is valid in both the letter and spirit of the FTP criteria. It would also seem prudent that we would further recommend that Policy Council instruct T&R to make provision within HSSD's 2013 accounts against the potential reversal of this savings.

We look forward to your response in the near future and **no later than 22 April**.

For the sake of clarity, the PAC continues **not** to query the rationale of the transfer; indeed this seems increasingly sensible and would appear to address a number of inconsistencies. It is noted that all parties agree with this position.

Yours sincerely



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Deputy Mark Dorey, Minister of Health & Social Services Department
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15 July 2013 Policy Council minute extract

223/13 Report to the Policy Council on the proposed transfer of service delivery costs from HSSD general revenue to Social Security funding

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