

To:	Legal Services Board	Agenda Item No.:	14
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Title:	Finance Report to 31 August 2017
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Summary:
This paper summarises the financial position as at the end of August 2017.

Recommendation(s):
The Board is invited to review the Finance Report.

Risks and mitigations	
Financial:	There are no financial risks – this is a factual report
Legal:	There are no legal risks - this is a factual report
Reputational:	The LSB needs to be seen as effective in managing funds at its disposal. The Board needs to satisfy itself that this is the case. The Executive also consider how it is has used its funds on a monthly basis and will take any necessary action as a result of this review.
Resource:	There are no resource risks - this is a factual report

Consultation	Yes	No	Who / why?
Board Members:		✓	N/A- routine update and commentary
Consumer Panel:		✓	
Others:	N/A		

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N/A	None	

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Finance report to 31 August 2017

Purpose

1. This paper provides a brief commentary about the period ending 31 August 2017. A financial report is attached (**Appendix 1**).

Recommendation

2. The Board is invited to **review** the Finance report.

Points to note

3. This report covers the first five months of the 2017-18 financial-year.
4. *Overall position* –spending to the end of August is **£1,344,409** against a budget of **£1,407,232** resulting in an underspend of **£62,823** (£72,091 for the same period in 2016/17).
5. *Cash position* - following supplier, legal, HMRC and salary payments in May the funds held in the bank are £5.63m.
6. Spending is mainly in line with budgets with two exceptions as detailed below.
7. **Colleague costs**- £46k underspent
 - a. Several posts being vacant at various points in the year. Two of these post were filled on a permanent basis during this month.
 - b. Two colleagues taking shared parental and parental leave during the month.
 - c. We are actively recruiting to remaining or soon to be vacant posts. Inevitably there are delays in recruiting new colleagues and when he/she is able to take up their posts. The Board's Remuneration and Nomination Committee monitor this on behalf of the Board.
 - d. We are unable to use these 'staffing' savings for non-pay purposes.
8. **Accommodation costs**- £11k underspent
 - a. We have received a refund of business rates paid for our previous premises following a rating appeal that has only just been resolved from 2010.