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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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2. INTRODUCTION

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3. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 Members are asked to note the report.

4. DETAIL

- 4.1 The Policy and Resources Committee on 17 March 2016 agreed a delegation to the Head of Strategic Finance to approve the investment in Hub Co sub debt at financial close within a range of +/- 10% of £0.500m. A requirement of the delegation was that the actual sum invested be reported back to Members.
- 4.2 The New Schools Redevelopment Project reached financial close on 24 March 2016 and an investment of £0.492m was made in the sub debt of the Hub Co at an approximate interest rate of 10%.
- 4.3 The sum of £0.506m was agreed to be earmarked within the General Fund balance as part of the 2016-17 budget setting process. As the actual investment was £0.492m, this allowed £0.014m to be returned to the General Fund balance and this was advised as part of the year end reports that went to Council on 30 June 2016.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 The Council made an investment of £0.492m in Hub Co sub debt on 24 March 2016. The amount earmarked within the General Fund balance was £0.506m and £0.014m has since been returned to the General Fund.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy None.
- 6.2 Financial None.
- 6.3 Legal None.
- 6.4 HR None.
- 6.5 Equalities None.
- 6.6 Risk None.
- 6.7 Customer Service None.

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