

Report of Scrutiny Committee

1. This report summarises the business considered at the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 20 February 2023.

Community Safety Partnership Update

2. The Chief Inspector, Cabinet Member (Health and Wellbeing) and Director (Communities) attended the meeting to present an update on the work of the Community Safety Partnership and answer questions from the Committee.
3. The Committee looks forward to the new draft Community Safety Partnership action plan being presented to the Scrutiny Committee in the future;
4. The Committee ask that the current situation with the governance of the Lancashire Community Safety Partnership and the delay in implementing review be clarified;
5. We requested that a detailed breakdown of the funding allocated to South Ribble as part of the domestic abuse and sexual violence support service be provided, together with the ongoing evaluation of take-up and impact; and
6. We welcomed the offer of a breakdown of the multi-agency risk assessment conference (MARAC) data to a South Ribble level.

Waste Service Insourcing Update

7. The Leader of the Council and Director (Customer & Digital) attended the meeting to present an update on the waste service since being insourced.
8. The Committee welcomes the update on some of the recycling initiatives being explored for the future; and
9. We asked that the internal audit of the waste service is circulated to the Committee once available.

Revenue Budget Monitoring Report – Quarter 3

10. The Cabinet Member (Finance, Assets and Property) and the Director of Finance attended the meeting to present the quarterly monitoring report.
11. We welcomed the report and the current financial position; and
12. We asked that further information be provided on when the suspended pre-planning advice would resume.

Capital and Balance Sheet Monitoring Report – Quarter 3

13. The Cabinet Member (Finance, Assets and Property) and the Director of Finance attended the meeting to present the quarterly monitoring report.
14. The Committee welcomed the report.

Draft 2023/24 Budget

15. The Cabinet Member (Finance, Assets and Property) and the Director of Finance attended the meeting to present the Draft 2023/24 Budget prior to discussion at Cabinet and subsequently Full Council.
16. The Committee was grateful for the re-assurance that there will be no cuts in services for the next financial year;
17. We welcomed the proposed review of the way in which the budget is consulted upon in future years; and
18. We asked that the Committee be engaged in the development of the proposed Transformation Strategy.

Recommendation(s)

That Council note the report.

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Chair of Scrutiny Committee

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