

Report of the Corporate, Performance & Budget Scrutiny Committee

1. This report summarises the business considered at the meeting of the Corporate, Performance & Budget Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 12 June 2023.

Quarter Four Performance Monitoring Report 2022-2023

2. The Leader of the Council and the Director of Change and Delivery were welcomed to the meeting to present the most recent quarterly performance monitoring report.
3. We welcomed the success of Music in the Park and looks forward to an evaluation of return on investment and future plans being made available to members;
4. The Committee was grateful for the offer of further information and statistics with regards to the uptake of the cost of living support;
5. We asked that the council work with the credit union to increase the opening hours of their office and to provide outreach to other parts of the borough;
6. We requested further information on the councils contribution to the credit union and how the council ensures value for money;
7. We welcomed the offer of a response to the query raised on the criteria of the Select Move process;
8. The Committee invited the new cabinet member for Customer and Digital to the next meeting to discuss customer services indicators, including the abandoned call rates;
9. We asked that the new planning committee be advised of the implications of deferring applications and the risk of non-determination and;
10. We thanked the Leader and Director for attending and answering the Committee's questions.

Revenue Budget Outturn 2022-23

11. The Leader of the Council and the Director of Finance were invited to present the most recent quarterly revenue budget monitoring report.
12. We welcomed the offer of a copy of the UKSPF (UK Shared Prosperity Fund) Business Plan being provided to the committee;
13. We asked that the total agency and contractor costs mapped across the directorate staffing underspends be provided;
14. The Committee encouraged the greater use of LinkedIn and other social media platforms to attract and recruit employees to the council;

15. We requested that the apprenticeship underspends be explored further and;
16. We thanked the Leader and Director for attending and answering the Committee's questions.

Capital and Balance Sheet Outturn 2022-23

17. The Leader of the Council and the Director of Change and Delivery were invited to present the most recent quarterly monitoring report on the Capital Programme and Balance Sheet.
18. We requested that further focus be given to reduce the level of slippage in the capital programme;
19. The Committee expressed concern of the delays with the County Council turning Disabled Facilities Grant referrals around;
20. We wished the Leader well in his lobbying of the county council and in making alternative arrangements for progressing Disabled Facilities Grant applications and;
21. We thanked the Leader and Director for attending and answering the Committee's questions.

Recommendation(s)

That Council note the report.

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Chair of the Corporate, Performance & Budget Scrutiny Committee
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