

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 8 November 2023.

Assets and Asset Management

2. The Deputy Leader of the Council, supported by the Interim Deputy Chief Executive, were welcomed to the meeting and invited to present their report looking at the council's assets and how they are managed.
3. We were grateful for a further update on assets, including rent arrear data, rent review programme and progress on performance.
4. We felt re-assured that the previous health and safety issues identified had been addressed and requested confirmation that our assets and estate are legally compliant is provided to the next meeting of the Committee.
5. We thanked the Deputy Leader and the Interim Deputy Chief Executive for attending and answering the Committee's questions.

Quarter Two Performance Monitoring Report 2023/24

6. The Leader of the Council, supported by the Chief Executive, were invited to present the most recent quarterly performance monitoring report.
7. We welcomed the initial feedback on the new social prescribing service.
8. We were grateful for the offer of a demonstration of the partnership's data and intelligence dashboard.
9. The Committee requested that the detailed customer service performance information be provided to the Committee every six months.
10. We asked that information be provided on any potential funding sources that could be used to continue the health check screening programme.
11. We agreed to form a task group to explore the challenges of homelessness and temporary accommodation in the Borough.
12. We suggested that the Community and External Scrutiny Committee look at how our housing partners and others are working together to reduce housing waiting lists in South Ribble.
13. We asked that the council tax and business rate collection rate performance is reviewed and include trend information and comparisons with others; and
14. We thanked the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive for attending and answering the Committee's questions.

Capital and Balance Sheet Monitoring Report – Quarter Two 2023/24 & Revenue Budget Monitoring Report – Quarter Two 2023/24

15. The Cabinet Member (Finance and Public Protection), supported by the Principal Management Accountant, were invited to present the most recent Capital and Balance Sheet and Revenue Budget monitoring reports for Quarter Two 2023/24.
16. We asked for an update on the timescales for the next stage of the Penwortham Masterplan be provided to the Committee.
17. The Committee was grateful for the offer of further information being provided on the external funding budgets that are at risk of being returned and steps being taken to spend the budget.
18. We looked forward to more detailed information being provided on the COVID recovery reserve; and
19. We thanked the Cabinet Member and Principal Management Accountant for attending and answering the Committee's questions.

Recommendation(s)

That Council note the report.

Councillor Will Adams

Chair of the Corporate, Performance & Budget Scrutiny Committee

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