



**Buckinghamshire County Council**  
**Select Committee**  
Finance, Performance and Resources

**Date:** Tuesday 15 December 2015  
**Time:** 10.00 am  
**Venue:** Mezzanine Room 2, County Hall, Aylesbury

**AGENDA**

**9.30 am Pre-meeting Discussion**

This session is for members of the Committee only. It is to allow the members time to discuss lines of questioning, areas for discussion and what needs to be achieved during the meeting.

**10.00 am Formal Meeting Begins**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Page No</b>
<b>1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>10am</b>	
<b>2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> To disclose any Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests		
<b>3 MINUTES</b> To agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10 November 2015.  To note the corrected amended minutes of 29 September 2015 as approved by the Chairman and published on 1 December 2015.		<b>7 - 26</b>
<b>4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS</b>		



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**5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

For the Chairman of the Committee to provide an update to the Committee on recent scrutiny related activity.

**6 DRAFT INCOME GENERATION STRATEGY AND DRAFT CHARGING POLICY 10.05am 27 - 44**

To provide the Committee with an update on the draft Income Generation Strategy and draft Charging Policy.

**Attendees**

Richard Schmidt, Head of Strategic Finance  
John Chilver, Cabinet Member for Resources

**7 PROPERTY STRATEGY 10.35am 45 - 50**

At past meetings, the select committee have requested information about the Asset Strategy Review to ensure that the Council is achieving best value from its property portfolio. This item will focus on the Agricultural Estate.

**Attendees:**

Joe Nethercoat, Head of Strategic Assets  
Jo West, Estates Officer  
Richard Drew, Rural Partner, Carter Jonas  
John Chilver, Cabinet Member for Resources  
Nick Henstock, Head of Regeneration and Major Property Projects

**8 UPDATE ON CRISIS SUPPORT 11.15am**

This item was discussed at the last meeting but the Committee requested some further information around the 6 month progress on the recommendations.

**Attendees:**

Martin Phillips, Cabinet Member for Community

Engagement  
Richard Ambrose, Head of Assurance

**9 BUDGET SCRUTINY INQUIRY - PROGRESS REPORT ONE YEAR ON** **11.25am** **51 - 58**

For the Committee to consider a twelve month progress report, provided by the Head of Assurance, on the implementation of recommendations that were accepted by Cabinet.

**Attendees:**

Richard Ambrose, Head of Assurance

**10 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME** **11.50am** **59 - 60**

To note the Finance, Performance and Resources Select Committee Work Programme 2015/16.

**11 FINANCIAL PRESSURES ON THE BUDGET - CHILDREN'S SERVICES** **11.55am** **61 - 66**

To provide the Committee with a briefing and update on the financial pressures on the Children's Services budget in advance of the FPR Committee's budget scrutiny inquiry.

**Attendees:**

Zahir Mohammed, Cabinet Member for Education and Skills  
David Johnston, Strategic Director, Children and Young People

Carol Douch, Service Director, Child and Family Service  
John Huskinson, Finance Director

Lin Hazell, Cabinet Member for Children's Services  
(apologies received)

**12 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**  
**To resolve to exclude the press and public as the following item is exempt by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 because it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)**

**13 FINANCIAL PRESSURES ON THE BUDGET - CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

**14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING** **12.45pm**

The Budget Scrutiny Inquiry will be taking place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016.

**2016 dates**

8 March  
3 May  
28 June

13 September  
1 November

## **Purpose of the committee**

The role of the Finance, Performance and Resources Select Committee is to hold decision-makers to account for improving outcomes and services for Buckinghamshire.

It shall have the power to scrutinise all issues in relation to the Council's strategic performance, financial management and corporate issues. This will include all areas under the remit of the Council's Headquarters and Business Services Plus (Business Unit). This includes, but not exclusively, responsibility for scrutinising issues in relation to:

- The Strategic Plan and Medium Term Financial Plan
- HQ Assurance responsibilities—including scrutiny of the strategic oversight of capital
- HQ Strategy & Policy responsibilities—including the strategic commissioning of Council resources.
- HQ Enterprise—including the commissioning of services from Business Services Plus such as legal services; and ICT; and the Council's strategic approach to communications and customers.
- The overall effectiveness of the scrutiny function
- Strategic alliances and partnerships with others externally—nationally, regionally and locally.

*By convention the Chairmen of the other Select Committees are invited to participate in the annual budget scrutiny inquiry, whereby the Executive's draft budget is automatically referred for scrutiny as part of the annual budget setting process.*

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## **Members**

Mr W Bendyshe-Brown  
Mr W Chapple OBE (VC)  
Mr S Lambert  
Mr D Martin

Mr B Roberts (C)  
Mr D Schofield  
Mr D Shakespeare OBE  
Mr A Stevens



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