



Buckinghamshire County Council
Select Committee
Finance, Performance and Resources

Date: Tuesday 8 March 2016
Time: 10.00 am (pre-meet for Committee Members at 9.30am)
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

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1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP	10am	
2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To disclose any Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests		
3 MINUTES To agree the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15 December 2015.		5 - 10



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Public Questions is an opportunity for people who live, work or study in the county to put a question to a Scrutiny Committee about any issue that has an impact on their local community or the county as a whole.

Members of public, who have given prior notice, will be invited to put their question in person.

The Cabinet Member and responsible officers will then be invited to respond.

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<http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/about-your-council/scrutiny/get-involved/>

5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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

6 REVIEW OF BUSINESS SERVICES PLUS BUSINESS PLAN 10.20am 11 - 32

As part of the Future Shape restructure, Business Services Plus has been operational since 1st April 2015. BSP is the County Council's internal support services unit, which is focused on delivering high quality, customer-focused services to support frontline business units and external customers.

Attendees:

John Chilver, Cabinet Member for Resources
Jonathon Noble, Commercial Director
Rachel Bennett, Business Planning Co-Ordinator
Mark Preston, Finance Director

7 BRIEFING ON DIGITAL SAVINGS 11.10am 33 - 38

To provide a briefing on the Council's Digital Savings.

Attendees:

John Chilver, Cabinet Member for Resources
Matthew Cain, Head of Digital
Sophie Payne, Head of Customer Experience and Communications

8 BUDGET SCRUTINY INQUIRY 12noon 39 - 46

Cabinet's response to the Budget Scrutiny Inquiry recommendations is attached.

9 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 12.15pm

To consider and agree the Finance, Performance and Resources Select Committee Work Programme for future meetings.

Suggested items:

1. Property update (once the final review has taken place – after June)
2. Income generation
3. Chief Executive update (once the new Chief Executive has been appointed, invite to a meeting to discuss their priorities and progress)
4. Shared Services update
5. Budget savings monitoring
6. Inquiry recommendation monitoring – Crisis Support (12 months); Rent-in-Advance (12 months), Budget Scrutiny (6 and 12 months)

10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING 12.30pm

The next meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 3 May 2016 at 10am in Mezzanine Room 2.

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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Mr D Martin	Vacancy