



Buckinghamshire County Council
Select Committee
Finance, Performance and Resources

Date: Tuesday 28 June 2016
Time: 10.00 am (pre-meeting for 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	10.00am	
2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To disclose any Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests		
3 MINUTES To agree the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 3 May 2016 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Tuesday 7 June 2016.		7 - 12



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/getting-involved/>

5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

10.15am

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

6 RENT-IN-ADVANCE - RECOMMENDATION MONITORING

10.20am

13 - 16

For Members to receive a 6 month update on the progress of the recommendations made in the Rent-in-Advance Inquiry report which went to Cabinet in November 2015 and to assign a RAG status to each recommendation.

Attendees:

Martin Phillips, Cabinet Member for Community Engagement
Richard Ambrose, Director of Assurance
Janice Moore, Assessments and Welfare Benefits Team Leader
Anna Colonnese, Local Emergency Support Co-ordinator

Attachments:

Table showing progress on the recommendations.

7 CHILDREN'S SERVICES - BUDGET SAVINGS MONITORING

10.40am

17 - 22

For Members to receive a progress review on the budget savings which were part of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTP) process this year with further information on a number of specific budget saving projects.

Attendees:

Lin Hazell, Cabinet Member for Children's Services

David Johnston, Managing Director, Children's Social Care
John Huskinson, Finance Director

Attachments:

Budget savings monitoring report

8 EDUCATION & SKILLS - BUDGET SAVINGS MONITORING 11.20am 23 - 26

For Members to receive a progress review on the budget savings which were part of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTP) process this year with further information on a number of specific budget saving projects.

Attendees:

Zahir Mohammed, Cabinet Member for Education & Skills
David Johnston, Managing Director, Children's Social Care
Nick Wilson, Service Director, Education
John Huskinson, Finance Director

Attachments:

Budget savings monitoring report

9 Q4 PERFORMANCE AND RISK REPORT 12noon 27 - 102

The reason for this item is for Select Committee Members to note and question the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources on the Council's Service Performance. Cabinet considers performance reports quarterly and the papers attached for the Select Committee are a copy of the balanced performance scorecard and joint budget monitoring report quarter 4 which was presented to Cabinet on 23 May 2016.

Attendees:

John Chilver, Cabinet Member for Resources

Attachments:

Balanced performance scorecard and joint Budget monitoring report – Quarter 4 and End of year 2015/16 with relevant appendices.

10 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 12.10pm 103 - 106

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

Proposed agenda items for September meeting (to be agreed)

- a. Property update – report back on the latest review by Carter Jonas
- b. Update on the delivery of the Council's training programme and skills gap report
- c. Business Services Plus – progress report on delivering outcomes from the business plan, including an update on recruitment agencies
- d. Budget Scrutiny – 6 month recommendation monitoring
- e. Q1 performance results
- f. Green Park update (exempt session)

11 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

12.45pm

The next meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 13 September 2015 at 10am in Mezz Room 2, County Hall, Aylesbury.

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.

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