

# Buckinghamshire County Council Select Committee

Finance, Performance and Resources

**Date:** Tuesday 1 November 2016

**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

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1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/CHANGES IN 10am MEMBERSHIP

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To disclose any Personal or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

3 MINUTES 7 - 22

To agree the Minutes of the Meetings held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

# 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 the 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.

Further information and details on how to register can be found through the following link:-

http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/about-your-council/scrutiny/getting-involved/

#### 5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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

# 6 BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S APPRENTICESHIPS PROGRAMME

The Committee will receive an update on Buckinghamshire County Council's Apprenticeship programme.

#### **Contributors:**

John Chilver, Cabinet Member for Resources Caroline High, Corporate Training Advisor

# 7 RENT-IN-ADVANCE INQUIRY - 12-MONTH UPDATE

Members will receive a 12 month update to monitor the progress of implementing the recommendations of the Rent in Advance Inquiry.

The Committee is asked to discuss the status of each recommendation and delegate authority to the Chairman to complete the report accordingly after the meeting. The completed report will be attached to the Minutes of the meeting.

#### **Contributors:**

John Chilver, Cabinet Member for Resources Martin Phillips, Cabinet Member for Community Engagement and Public Health Lloyd Jeffries, Director of Operations, Business Services Plus

#### 8 BUDGET SCRUTINY 2017 SCOPE

The Committee is asked to consider and agree the draft Inquiry Scope for the 2017 Budget Scrutiny Inquiry.

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#### 9 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

Members are asked to note the attached Work Programme for all Select Committees.

#### 10 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)

#### 11 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

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To agree the Confidential Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

#### 12 PROPERTY REVIEW

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The Committee will receive an update on the outcome of the Council's Property Review.

#### **Contributors:**

John Chilver, Cabinet Member for Resources Jo West, Asset Manager, Strategy & Major Projects

#### 13 GREEN PARK PROGRESS REPORT

11.40am

11.05am

To Follow

Members will receive an update on the plans for Green Park.

# **Contributors:**

John Chilver, Cabinet Member for Resources Joe Nethercoat, Head of Strategic Assets John Huskinson, Finance Director

### 14 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

12.10pm

There will be a private briefing for Members of the Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 10am in Mezzanine Room 2, County Hall, Aylesbury.

Budget Scrutiny 2017 will be held from Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

The next formal meeting of the Finance, Performance and Resources Committee will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 10am.

#### 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 Chapple OBE (C) Mr D Martin Mr D Dhillon Mr R Reed

Ms N Glover Mr D Shakespeare OBE (VC)

Mr S Lambert Mr A Stevens

