



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

**Date:** Tuesday 26 March 2019

**Time:** 10.00 am

**Venue:** Mezzanine Room 1, 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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<b>1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP</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 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2018.		<b>5 - 10</b>
<b>4 PUBLIC QUESTIONS</b>		



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.

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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**

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

**6 CUSTOMER UPDATE**

To receive an update on progress of Customer Service focussed projects and to gain an insight into preparations for the Unitary Customer and Digital Workstream.

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**Contributors:**

**Mr John Chilver, Cabinet Member for Resources**

**Mr Lloyd Jeffries, Director of Customer**

**Miss Kelly Page, Customer Experience Head of Service**

**Papers:**

**Customer Update**

**7 BUSINESS RATES RETENTION - CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

The Committee will review the changes to Business Rates Retention (BRR) and how these will impact on the County Council and small businesses in Buckinghamshire.

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**Contributors:**

**Mr John Chilver, Cabinet Member for Resources**

**Mr Richard Ambrose, Director of Finance and Procurement**

**Mr Matthew Strevens, Head of Finance – Corporate**

**Papers:**

**Business Rates Retention report**

**8 BUDGET SCRUTINY 2018 - 12 MONTH PROGRESS REPORT**

The Committee will examine a progress report on the

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implementation of the recommendations from Budget Scrutiny 2018 after 12 months. Members will have the opportunity to question the Cabinet Member and the Director of Finance and Procurement, before discussing and allocating a RAG (Red, Amber, Green) status for the progress of each recommendation.

**Contributors:**

**Mr John Chilver, Cabinet Member for Resources**

**Mr Richard Ambrose, Director of Finance and Procurement**

**Papers:**

**Budget Scrutiny 2018 – 12 month Recommendation Monitoring report**

**9 WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE**

**11:45**

Members will receive a verbal update on proposed items for the Select Committee's forward Work Programme.

**Contributors:**

**Mr David Watson, Chairman**

**Mrs Kelly Sutherland, Committee & Governance Manager**

**10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 10am in Mezzanine Room 1, County Hall, Aylesbury

**11 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)**

**12 CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

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To agree the Confidential Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**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 Assistant Chief Executive's Service (ACES) and Resources Business Unit. This includes, but not exclusively, responsibility for scrutinising issues in relation to:

- The Strategic Plan and Medium Term Financial Plan

- ACES responsibilities — including Council Communications, Business Intelligence.
- Resources responsibilities - including the Council's Technology Strategy, HR, procurement and Legal services and the strategic commissioning of Council resources.
- The overall effectiveness of the scrutiny function
- Strategic alliances and partnerships with others externally—nationally, regionally and locally.

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## **Members**

Mr W Bendyshe-Brown	Mr D Martin
Mr T Butcher	Mr D Shakespeare OBE
Mr A Christensen	Ms J Ward
Mr C Clare (VC)	Mr D Watson (C)