

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting - 11 November 2015

Present: Mr Hollis (Chairman)
Mr Bastiman, Mrs Lowen-Cooper, Mr Read, Mr Sangster,
Mr Vincent and Mr Walters MBE

Apologies for absence: Mr Harding

21. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11 November 2015 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

22. SAVINGS REVIEW

The Panel set up by the Committee on 5 October 2015 at the request of the Cabinet to consider saving proposals put forward by officers had met on three occasions during the latter part of October and the Committee received a report attaching a private appendix containing the views of the Panel on the 33 proposals they had received from officers together with the savings/income they were estimated to achieve.

To assist the Cabinet in determining their deliverability and impact, the Committee divided the 33 proposals into the following 3 categories:

- Green – Proposals (22 in total) that are straightforward with no material risks or issues around deliverability
- Amber - Proposals (6) that need further work before making final decision/Proposals for the medium term once issues and risks are better understood
- Red – Proposals (6) not supported

(Note: One proposal was split between green and amber)

In agreeing that the proposals as categorised should be forwarded to the Cabinet, members felt that it was important to stress to Cabinet the following needs:

- Building capacity - to enable work on the more complex projects to progress
- Prioritising - to avoid overloading capacity
- Investment - to invest to save by ensuring the transformation agenda and in particular projects achieving savings/income are adequately resourced

The Chairman wished to thank members of the Committee for their participation in the Panel meetings and their contributions to the savings review.

23. MONTHLY BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The Committee noted a paper providing an update on the budget monitoring position as at the 30 September 2015 and divided into the following sections:

- Estimated Revenue Outturn Position
- Training Budget
- Key Income Areas
- Budget Risks
- Revenue Reserves
- Capital Programme
- Capital Reserves

An appendix to the report provided a summary statement showing the overall revenue budget monitoring position by portfolio, together with a detailed breakdown by portfolio.

24. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

RESOLVED that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act. The paragraph number is given under the heading

25. **PRIVATE APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN ITEM 3**

Paragraphs 1 and 2

Whilst categorising the savings proposals as described in minute 22 the Committee made reference to the private appendix summarising the comments of the Panel on each proposal.

The meeting terminated at 7.10 pm