

BUDGET / COUNCIL PLAN COMMITTEE

HELD: Tuesday, 28 February 2023

Start: 7.02 pm

Finish: 7.34 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor: A Yates (Chairman)
R Molloy (Vice Chairman)

Councillors: D Westley A Owens
Y Gagen

In attendance: D Whittington

Officers: James Pierce, Head of Finance, Procurement and Commercial Services
Simon Peet, Corporate Finance Manager (Deputy S151)
Peter Quick, Principal Finance Business Partner
Claire Kelly, Principal Solicitor and Deputy Monitoring Officer
Alison Grimes, Performance Improvement Lead
Kirsty Breakell, Democratic Services Officer

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, the Committee noted the termination of Councillor I Davis and the appointment of Councillor A Owens for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the Political Groups.

3 URGENT BUSINESS, IF ANY, INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRMAN

There were no urgent items of business.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest,

5 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 December 2022, be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6 COUNCIL PLAN DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources as contained on pages 87 to 100 of the Book of Reports, which was to update the Committee with progress on the development of the new

Council Plan 2023-28.

Comments and questions were raised in respect of the following:

- Focus areas to be decided in due course
- Increase in complaints surrounding anti-social behaviour

RESOLVED: A. That the update is noted.
B. That the committee provide any agreed comments ahead of the Councillor workshop.

7 COUNCIL PERFORMANCE DELIVERY PLAN – Q3 2022/23

Consideration was given to the report of the Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources as contained on pages 101 to 124 of the Book of Reports, which was to present performance monitoring data for the quarter ended 31 December 2022.

Comments and questions were raised in respect of the following:

- Delay to funding bids

RESOLVED: That the Council's performance against the Council Plan for the quarter ended 31 December 2022 be noted and any agreed comments be forwarded to the Relevant Portfolio Holder and Corporate Director of Housing, Transformation and Resources for consideration.

8 Q3 HRA REVENUE AND CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Finance, Procurement & Commercial Services as contained on pages 125 to 130 of the Book of Reports, which was to provide a summary of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Housing capital programme positions for the 2022/23 financial year.

Comments and questions were raised in respect of the following:

- Pushing to spend funds before Year End.

RESOLVED: That the HRA revenue and capital budget position for 2022/23 be noted

9 Q3 GRA REVENUE AND CAPITAL REPORT

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Finance, Procurement & Commercial Services as contained on pages 133 to 136 of the Book of Reports, which was to provide a summary of the General Revenue Account (GRA) position for the 2022/23 financial year at quarter 3.

Comments and questions were raised in respect of the following:

- LGA Report advising that Local Authorities are having difficulties retaining staff, particularly in the planning departments.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

10 **WORK PROGRAMME**

RESOLVED: That the work programme be noted

11 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

This item no longer required consideration.

12 **SHARED SERVICES UPDATE**

RESOLVED: The Chairman deferred this item at the start of the meeting. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

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Chairman