

Monday, 1 June 2015
at 6.00 pm



Scrutiny Committee

Present:-

Members: Councillor Smart (Chairman) Councillor Ungar (Deputy-Chairman)
Councillors Blakebrough, Miah, Rodohan, Murray, Sabri and
Smethers

1 Minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2015.

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2015 were submitted and approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as an accurate record.

2 Apologies for absence.

There were none.

3 Corporate Performance - Quarter 4 2014/15.

Members considered the report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Senior Head of Corporate Development and Governance updating Members on the Council's performance against Corporate Plan Priority actions, indicators and milestones for Quarter 4 2014/15.

The committee was advised that Appendix 1 to the report provided a detailed report on the 2014/15 activities and outturns of the performance indicators listed within the Corporate Plan. The first section of Appendix 1 listed all the Corporate Plan priority actions whose in-year milestones had already been fully completed this year. The second section of Appendix 1 listed the ongoing actions showing all milestones that were scheduled for completion within quarter 4 of 2014/15.

The report provided members with the provisional outturn results for the general fund, the housing revenue account (HRA) and capital programme for the year 2014/15. Although service accounts had now been closed, other balance sheet and suspense accounts had yet to be finalised, so it was possible that there could be some further adjustments that may marginally affect the figures within the report. The final outturn would form part of the statement of accounts that would be reported to the Audit and Governance Committee at the end of June 2015 and the next Cabinet meeting in July 2015.

The Senior Head of Corporate Development and Governance updated Members on Eastbourne Park indicator in relation to the use of 'pooled' S.106 contributions.

The committee considered appendix 1 to the report discussing the Innovation Centre at Sovereign Harbour, the Satisfaction Survey with regard to street cleanliness and refuse collection, the promotion of the Supporting People Fund, Devonshire Park Project, Disabled Adaptations grants, Theatre income and various aspects of the provisional outturn results for the general fund, the housing revenue account (HRA) and capital programme for the year 2014/15.

The committee asked a number of questions relating to the topics discussed and were advised that the information requested would be provided following the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the following be noted: 1) That the performance against national and local Performance Indicators and Actions from the 2010/15 Corporate Plan (2014 refresh 2) The provisional general fund outturn on services expenditure for 2014/15 of £16.395m, a net underspend of £216,000 against the revised budget 3) The transfers to and from reserves as set out at Appendix 3 4) The budget virements as set out in para 4.6 and 6.4 of the report 5) The provisional balances on non-earmarked revenue reserves as at 31.3.15 as shown in paragraph 5.1 of the report 6) The provisional housing revenue account surplus for 2014/15 of £494,000 and 7) The final Capital Programme and outturn for 2014/15 of £17.5m, a variance of 8.35% against the final programme.

4 Annual Programme 2015 - 2016.

The committee was requested to submit items to the Chair and Deputy Chair for consideration at their monthly meeting on 1 July 2015, with a view to developing items for the Annual Scrutiny Programme. Items should be submitted no later than Friday 26 June 2015. The Local Democracy Officer agreed to distribute a pro forma to assist with developing suggestions for review.

NOTED.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

Councillor Smart (Chairman)