



Councillor Steve Shaw-Wright – Chair of Scrutiny Committee

The Scrutiny Committee has met twice since the last update to Council in April 2021.

17 June 2021

Special Single-Issue Meeting – Housing Repairs

The Committee received a presentation and report from Officers about housing repairs in the district. The meeting was held after several questions had been raised by Members at various Council and Committee meetings.

Members were pleased to receive a comprehensive presentation on housing repairs from Officers and asked a number of questions of Senior Officers responsible for the housing repairs process.

The presentation has been circulated by email to all Members. All Councillors should note that the recording of the meeting can be found on the Council's website should they wish to hear the full debate and information.

Work Programme

Members briefly considered the work programme and noted the upcoming meetings and topics. Members were asked to send to the Democratic Services Officer any specific issues for discussion at the meeting in November 2021 which the new Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner would be attending.

1 July 2021

Annual Report 2020-21

The Committee considered and agreed the annual report for 2020-21.

Financial Results and Budget Exceptions Report to 31 March 2021

The Committee received the report from the Head of Finance which asked them to consider the content of the report and make any comments on the Council's financial results and budget exceptions.

Members had a number of queries about the report in relation to the HRA and General Fund deficits and the reasons for these, and in terms of the carry forwards, the reason that there was a two-year delay in the station lift project which was not expected to take place until 2022-23 at the earliest. It was further queried when the work to continue the car park improvement programme would recommence, and lastly, what level of savings were being made from recycling.

The report was noted by the Committee.

Treasury Management - Quarterly Update Q4 2020/21

Members received the report of the Head of Finance which asked Members to consider the content of the report and comment on the Council's borrowing and investment activity (Treasury Management) for the period 1 April to 31 March 2021 (Q4). The report also presented performance against the Prudential Indicators.

The report was noted by the Committee.

Work Programme

Members agreed the work programme as presented; however, one Member commented that he remained concerned with housing repairs and felt it should remain on the work programme. The Chairman explained that a special meeting on housing repairs had been held on 17 June 2021, at which time Members had praised the work of officers in their efforts to find solutions to the issues raised.

Future Meetings: The next meeting of the Committee will be on 30 September 2021.

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