

# **BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE PANEL**

## **Work Programme Report**

**12<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

### **Report of the Chief Executive**

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To update Members on the Panel's Work Programme.

**This report is public.**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) **That the Panel considers the Work Programme and any other issues that should be included.**

#### **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 The Budget and Performance Panel is responsible for setting its own annual Work Programme within the terms of reference, as set out in Part 3, Section 12 of the Constitution.
- 1.2 Members of the Budget and Performance Panel are entitled to give notice to the Chief Executive that they wish an item relevant to the Terms of Reference of the Committee to be included on the agenda for the first available meeting and the meeting will determine whether the issue should be included in its Work Programme based on its relevance as compared to the priorities as set out in the Scrutiny Work Programme (Part 4, Section 5 of the Constitution).

#### **2.0 Report**

- 2.1 Following the Panel's meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 a number of updates, as set out below and included in Appendix A to this report, have been made. The Panel is requested to consider its Work Programme.

#### **Pensions**

Members requested that the item on Pensions remain on the Work Programme. Following the meeting Lancashire County Council was requested to provide a representative to attend the Budget and Performance Panel. Confirmation has now been received from Lancashire County Council that County Councillor Eddie Pope, Chair of the Pensions Committee, will attend the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

#### **Performance and Service Accounts**

It was agreed that the presentations made to Cabinet by Chief Officers on their performance and service accounts would be presented to the Panel. The first

presentation will be made by the Chief Officer (Environment) in respect of Environmental Services.

Members are asked to consider which Service's presentation they would like to hear at the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017. The Panel may also want to consider whether any additional meetings are required in order to consider each Service presentation and make recommendations in accordance with the budget timetable for 2018/19.

The Service presentations are as follows:

- Environmental Services not including Housing Repairs and Maintenance (presented to Cabinet in May 2017)
- Health and Housing not including Council Housing (presented to Cabinet in May 2017)
- Regeneration and Planning (Presented to Cabinet in July 2017)
- Resources (scheduled for Cabinet in September 2017)
- Council Housing including Repairs and Maintenance (TBC)
- Legal and Governance (TBC – once Chief Officer (Legal and Governance is in post)

### **Budget Book**

A presentation on the Council's Budget Book was requested to include an understanding of Central Service Charges. Considering the existing items on the Panel's Work Programme and the need to prioritise items. Members are asked to consider how this item should be presented to the Panel. One option, which Members may consider, is that the presentation be circulated to the Panel by email, with Members given an opportunity to raise questions with the Financial Services Manager and answers circulated to the Panel outside of the meeting.

<b>SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS</b>	
The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.	
<b>MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS</b>	
The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.	
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