

BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE PANEL

Work Programme Report

9th September 2014

Report of Chief Officer (Governance)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update Members regarding the Panel's Work Programme.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That members note the updated work programme, as detailed in Appendix A to the report.**
- (2) That members consider whether they would like to include any further items in the work programme.**

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides members with recommendations for inclusion in the panel's work programme and advises of possible upcoming items for consideration and work in progress.
- 1.2 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 13 of the constitution.
- 1.3 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 meeting 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 Items included in the 2014/15 Work Programme

Further to the previous meeting of the Panel the following items have been added to the Work Programme.

- Financial Monitoring
- Corporate Performance Monitoring

- Annual Stakeholder's Meeting
- Budget Overspends/Variiances

Additional information has been provided below on other issues raised at the last meeting.

2.2 **Marmot Review**

At the last meeting of the Panel it was reported that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had agreed to invite Dr Mike Grady to a meeting to give a presentation on the Marmot Review. Officers have contacted Dr Grady, and after discussions with Dr Grady and, with the agreement of the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, a Member briefing has been arranged for this presentation. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be recommended to invite members of the health and wellbeing local partnership group to the briefing.

The Member briefing will take place on Wednesday, 8th October 2014, commencing at 2.00 pm at Lancaster Town Hall.

2.3 **Forthcoming Key Decision List**

The Panel agreed, at its last meeting, that members could put forward financial or performance related items to the pre-decision scrutiny champion of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Members are advised that they will be notified electronically by the Modern.gov system when the list is published and paper copies of the current list have been placed in Members' distribution.

2.4 **Procurement Strategy**

At the last meeting of the Panel Members requested a report regarding the Council's new Procurement Strategy. In order to allow sufficient time for Officers to address recent issues and developments fully, such as the complexities around living wage principles and the Public Services (Social Value) Act, it is now envisaged that the proposed Strategy will be presented to December Cabinet, as this will allow full pre-scrutiny at the November Budget and Performance Panel meeting. In the meantime, however, to share information on expected procurement developments, a briefing note will be provided for the Panel.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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