

BUDGET & PERFORMANCE PANEL

WORK PROGRAMME

Matter for consideration	Detail		Expected date of meeting
Delivering Our Priorities.	Standard items reported to the Panel. Quarter 2 - Treasury Management Mid-year Review.	Cabinet Member with Responsibility	Quarter 1 – 6 th October 2021 Quarter 2 – 18 th November 2021 Quarter 3 – 2 nd February 2022
Annual Stakeholder's Meeting.	Arranged as part of the budget consultation process.	Cabinet Member with Responsibility	2 nd February 2022

Invitations to Cabinet Members

Cabinet Member(s)	Issue	Expected date of meeting
Relevant Cabinet Member(s) to be invited to attend.	Delivering Our Priorities.	Quarter 1 – 6 th October 2021 Quarter 2 – 18 th November 2021 Quarter 3 – 2 nd February 2022
All Members of Cabinet	Annual Stakeholders Meeting.	2 nd February 2022

ITEMS REFERRED TO THE PANEL FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN THE WORK PROGRAMME

- Complaints received regarding the district by the Local Government Ombudsman – this item has been referred to the Panel.
- Invite Cabinet Portfolio Holders to attend meetings to report, answer questions and advise the Panel if they needed any help.
- Discuss the corporate vision for the Council regarding budgets and performance.
- That Councillor Anne Whitehead be invited to attend a meeting of the Panel to discuss Outturn, Capital Investment Strategy and how the Council measures performance.
- That in future all budget reports regarding spending or savings and outturn reports presented to the Panel had a 2 year % variance column contained within them to demonstrate trend.
- That a meeting of the Panel be scheduled in the weeks following Budget Council to discuss the budget in more detail with the Leader of the Council.
- That as Cabinet Briefings were currently held on Tuesday evenings and it was suggested that meetings of the Panel be re-arranged on Wednesday evenings. This would allow for Cabinet Members to attend meetings of the Panel when invited to do so.
- Performance of the Planning Service including the performance in determining planning applications and the strategy to address this;
- Following COVID 19 the strategy to move resources back to services and the lessons learnt;
- How KPIs are being set and measured.
- The road to recovery. Invite the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive to attend the next meeting to discuss budget and performance issues;
- How the Council will prioritise its projects, use of resources and how these are monitored;
- Performance, costs and benchmarking of Council services;
- Social value.

Propose that B&P ask for a report on how the council is operating its social value policy. I understand that there is a 'social value portal' that is used for contracts over £100K. It would be good to know how often it has been used in the last two years and to what effect. We might want to discuss whether the principle of social value should be developed as a tool for assessing the Council's own projects and implemented in procurements for smaller sums than £100K.

Social value point raised last year with Capital strategy, assuming a new one has been formulated, how will it be calculated and enforced?

B&P topics with possible cabinet members to ask to present:

- Outturn 2020/21? AW
- Procurement policy AW
- Investment strategy AW
- Relationship between budget and policy? CJ
- LATCo for housing CM
- Carbon reduction beyond the Council KF

- HR performance EL
- Use and cost of consultants GD TH-C
- Planning performance GD