

BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE PANEL

Budget and Performance Panel – Work Programme

14th January 2026

Joint report of Chief Officers Finance and Governance

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider the Panel's Work Programme.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) **That the Panel consider and agree what is to be included in the Panel's Work Programme.**

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Panel is responsible for setting its own annual Work Programme within the Terms of Reference, as set out in the Council's Constitution.
- 1.2 Members are requested to consider the Work Programme attached at **Appendix A** and also consider any additional items the Panel may wish to add within its terms of reference. Also attached at Appendix B are the Terms of Reference of the Panel.

2. Updates

- 2.1 The Panel is asked to consider its Work Programme in accordance with its Terms of Reference.
- 2.2 Prior to the meeting a Workshop was arranged for Fit for the Future with all other Councillors invited to attend. The Panel is asked whether they have any feedback and/or any further information that is required.
- 2.3 At the last meeting the Panel agreed to hold an additional meeting on 3rd February for the purposes of budget/stakeholder consultation. Dates and venues of the next two meetings of the Panel are timetabled as follows:
- 3rd February 2026 – Budget/stakeholder meeting of the Panel to be in the **Council Chamber, Morecambe Town Hall**, commencing at 6.00pm. All Members of Council to be invited to attend. The meeting to be livestreamed.
 - 11 February 2026 – meeting of the Panel to be in the **Council Chamber, Morecambe Town Hall**, commencing at 6.00pm.

2.4 The items that the Panel requested to be added to its Work Programme have been submitted to the Chief Executive in accordance with the Constitution.

3. Training

3.1 The Panel has previously been provided with training on the following:

- Treasury Management
- Budget and Project Monitoring (Delivering Our Priorities)
- Introductory Capital Financing
- Scrutiny Training provided by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS) - Teams

3.2 Members may wish to suggest additional training or request areas for closer scrutiny in line with the Panel's Terms of Reference. Please see **Appendix B**.

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

There are no direct implications as a result of this report.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

There are no direct implications as a result of this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 9 (a) advises that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Budget and Performance Panel will be responsible for setting their own Annual Work Programme within the Terms of Reference set out in Part 2, Section 5, 9 and 10 of the Constitution.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a direct result of this report. Any further reports on specific issues contained within the Work Programme will require further consideration of the financial implications.

OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS, such as Human Resources; Information Services; Property; Open Spaces:

None.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The S151 officer has been consulted and has no comments to make.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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