

# **BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE PANEL**

## **Budget and Performance Panel – Work Programme**

**11<sup>th</sup> February 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 The items that the Panel requested to be added to its Work Programme at the December meeting have been submitted to the Chief Executive in accordance with the Constitution. Updates are provided below:

##### **SLAs**

There are a number of these with arts partners and the two BID's. The SLAs for arts partners are currently in discussion with those bodies so will take some time to conclude and then for monitoring achievements it would be much later in the year when we could report on those.

Lancaster BID is going through a ballot process to decide if the BID continues. This will conclude during February and then work on an SLA will be in the first half of 2026/27. Reporting on achievements would then be later in the year.

Morecambe BID will be due their ballot later in 2026.

It is suggested reporting much later in the year, maybe at mid-year point.

### **Partnerships**

For Sustainable Growth this would include the Eden Partnership and BIDs. Officers will be happy to contribute whenever but noting the situation of BIDs as advised above.

For the x2 Partnerships (Lancaster District Strategic Partnerships and the Carnforth Local Government Partnership), these are the strategic and local government partnerships we have established. Both are progressing as normal. Appended to this report are Memorandum of Understanding for both.

### **Asset Management Plan**

It is politely requested that this item be deferred to a later date.

### **Projects and Performance Reporting**

The Panel to consider following the Chair's discussions regarding minute (minute 36 below):

"That the Chair of the Panel discuss with the Chief Executive the introduction of a process for the Chief Executive and/or the relevant Chief Officers be invited to attend meetings of the Panel to either the next meeting, or a subsequent meeting, to answer the above questions and future queries the Panel may have on performance and Projects."

## **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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