

# **BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE PANEL**

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

**11<sup>th</sup> March 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 updates agreed by the Panel at the last meeting have been added to the Work Programme appended to this report. Any further updates received since the publication of the agenda will be reported at the meeting.

2.3 With regard to the Asset Management Plan the Panel is requested to provide some expanded detail of what members wish to go through.

2.4 For the item on Partnerships members are asked to provide more information on the actual area of interest. Members are advised that Partnerships is also much wider than Sustainable Growth as other services also partner.

2.5 Lancaster City Council's Chief Executive has confirmed that Blackpool Council's role is to administer the UKSPF funding on behalf of Lancashire's Councils. Blackpool Council is not involved in the way individual Council's have allocated their apportionment of UKSPF.

### 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 With regard to Treasury Management a training session is required to be undertaken by the end of June 2026. It is proposed that the session be undertaken via Microsoft Teams and a date be set after consulting with the Chair and members of the Panel. The training event to be recorded and will be added to the scrutiny intranet page for those unable to attend and for future reference.

3.3 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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