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**FINANCE AND RESOURCES  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY  
AGENDA**

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**TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2022 AT 7.30 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE FORUM**

The Councillors listed below are requested to attend the above meeting, on the day and at the time and place stated, to consider the business set out in this agenda.

Membership

Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Guest  
Councillor Tindall  
Councillor Adeleke  
Councillor Arslan  
Councillor So Mahmood  
Councillor Su Mahmood

Councillor Sinha  
Councillor Townsend  
Councillor Cloughton (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor Symington  
Councillor Douris (Chairman)  
Councillor Freedman

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**AGENDA**

**1. MINUTES**

To confirm the minutes from the previous meeting

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive any apologies for absence

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interest

A member with a disclosable pecuniary interest or a personal interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered -

- (i) must disclose the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent

and, if the interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest, or a personal interest which is also prejudicial

- (ii) may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter (and must withdraw to the public seating area) unless they have been granted a dispensation.

A member who discloses at a meeting a disclosable pecuniary interest which is not registered in the Members' Register of Interests, or is not the subject of a pending notification, must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the disclosure.

Disclosable pecuniary interests, personal and prejudicial interests are defined in Part 2 of the Code of Conduct For Members

[If a member is in any doubt as to whether they have an interest which should be declared they should seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer before the start of the meeting]

#### **4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

An opportunity for members of the public to make statements or ask questions in accordance with the rules as to public participation

#### **5. CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE IN RELATION TO CALL-IN**

#### **6. ACTION POINTS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 3 - 4)**

#### **7. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

Nigel Howcutt, Chief Finance Officer, will provide a presentation on this item.

#### **8. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 5 - 7)**

**Finance and Resources OSC Action Points**

Date of meeting	Action point	Responsible officer	Date action completed	Response
06/09/22	<p>Councillor Tindall also referred to item 8.4. He asked if anyone had evaluated the turnover in Right to Buy properties in recent years to get an idea of how far the policy could be taken. He commented that £1m was on the low side, particularly when we are desperate for housing, and that he felt it was an easy way to mitigate some of the actions taken in the 1980s.</p> <p>F Jump replied she did not have the statistics to hand but was happy to circulate the information.</p>	Fiona Jump		Ongoing.
06/09/22	<p>Councillor Tindall referred to page 61, the percentage of community alarm calls answered within 1 minute, noting that there was no number stating how many alarm calls were made and how far outside a minute they were answered.</p> <p>M Brookes stated that this was not his service and therefore did not come under his area. It was noted that this could be taken to the Housing team to respond to.</p>	Mark Brookes		The question has been referred to the housing team and the response is currently awaited.

06/09/22	<p>Councillor Tindall referred to page 64, noting the number of red across housing benefit claims and that he hoped there was a plan intended to ensure claims are made in a more-timely manner.</p> <p>M Brookes stated that there was a presentation error in terms of statistics as this is not under his remit.</p> <p>F Jump added that the service is looking to ensure they are responding as needed and would seek a response on the point.</p>	Fiona Jump		Ongoing.
06/09/22	<p>Councillor Symington thanked B Hosier for the report and appreciated the response to the recommendation from the Audit Committee. Councillor Symington then referred to page 68 of the report, commenting that non-compliant aspects were listed but no costs were attached.</p> <p>B Hosier agreed that no figures are listed, and any figures included would be contractual, which are published on the website. He confirmed he would come back to members with the value of the contracts, adding that they are only non-compliant from when the contract has expired and that the table lists mitigations for each item.</p>	Ben Hosier	22/9/22	<p>Update sent to Member Support as a separate document.</p> <p>Information circulated to the committee via email by T Angel.</p>

# Agenda Item 8

Clerk: Trudi Angel (x2224)

## Finance and Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee: Work Programme 2022-23

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Meeting Date	Report Deadline	Items	Contact Details	Background information
1 November 2022	21 October 2022	Action Points (from previous meeting)	Democratic Services <a href="mailto:Trudi.angel@dacorum.gov.uk">Trudi.angel@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	
		Budget Monitoring Report	Chief Finance Officer <a href="mailto:Nigel.howcutt@dacorum.gov.uk">Nigel.howcutt@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	<i>To review and scrutinise quarterly performance</i>
		Finance & Resources Q2 Performance Report	Chief Finance Officer <a href="mailto:Nigel.howcutt@dacorum.gov.uk">Nigel.howcutt@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	<i>To review and scrutinise quarterly performance</i>
		Legal & Democratic Services Q2 Performance Report	Assistant Director, Legal and Democratic Services <a href="mailto:Mark.brookes@dacorum.gov.uk">Mark.brookes@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	<i>To review and scrutinise quarterly performance</i>
		People & Transformation Q2 Performance Report	Strategic Director, People and Transformation <a href="mailto:Aidan.wilkie@dacorum.gov.uk">Aidan.wilkie@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	<i>To review and scrutinise quarterly performance</i>
		Commercial Development Services Q2 Performance Report	Head of Commercial Development <a href="mailto:Ben.Hosier@dacorum.gov.uk">Ben.Hosier@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	<i>To review and scrutinise quarterly performance</i>
		Leisure Contract (Part 2)	Head of Commercial Development	<i>To provide an update on the Leisure</i>

			<a href="mailto:Ben.Hosier@dacorum.gov.uk">Ben.Hosier@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	<i>Contract</i>
30 November 2022	21 November 2022	Action Points (from previous meeting)	Democratic Services <a href="mailto:Trudi.angel@dacorum.gov.uk">Trudi.angel@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	
		<p><b>*** Joint Budget***</b></p> <p>*****</p> <p><i>Ideally no further items to be added</i></p>	Chief Finance Officer <a href="mailto:Nigel.howcutt@dacorum.gov.uk">Nigel.howcutt@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	
4 January 2023	22 December 2022	Action Points (from previous meeting)	Democratic Services <a href="mailto:Trudi.angel@dacorum.gov.uk">Trudi.angel@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	
1 February 2023	23 January 2023	Action Points (from previous meeting)	Democratic Services <a href="mailto:Trudi.angel@dacorum.gov.uk">Trudi.angel@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	
		<p><b>*** Joint Budget***</b></p> <p>*****</p> <p><i>Ideally no further items to be added</i></p>	Chief Finance Officer <a href="mailto:Nigel.howcutt@dacorum.gov.uk">Nigel.howcutt@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	
7 March 2023	24 February 2023	Action Points (from previous meeting)	Democratic Services <a href="mailto:Trudi.angel@dacorum.gov.uk">Trudi.angel@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	
		Budget Monitoring Report	Chief Finance Officer <a href="mailto:Nigel.howcutt@dacorum.gov.uk">Nigel.howcutt@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	<i>To review and scrutinise</i>

			<i>quarterly performance</i>
	<b>Finance &amp; Resources Q3 Performance Report</b>	Chief Finance Officer <a href="mailto:Nigel.howcutt@dacorum.gov.uk">Nigel.howcutt@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	<i>To review and scrutinise quarterly performance</i>
	<b>Legal &amp; Democratic Services Q3 Performance Report</b>	Assistant Director, Corporate & Contracted Services <a href="mailto:Mark.brookes@dacorum.gov.uk">Mark.brookes@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	<i>To review and scrutinise quarterly performance</i>
	<b>People and Transformation Q3 Performance Report</b>	Strategic Director, People and Transformation <a href="mailto:Aidan.wilkie@dacorum.gov.uk">Aidan.wilkie@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	<i>To review and scrutinise quarterly performance</i>
	<b>Commercial Development Services Q3 Performance Report</b>	Head of Commercial Development <a href="mailto:Ben.Hosier@dacorum.gov.uk">Ben.Hosier@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	<i>To review and scrutinise quarterly performance</i>

Future reports:

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Digital Strategy – Head of Digital