

MINUTES

FINANCE AND RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

5 NOVEMBER 2024

Present:

Members:

Councillor Freedman (Chair)	Councillor Guest
Councillor Elliot (Vice-Chair)	Councillor Silwal
Councillor Deacon	Councillor Stevens
Councillor Gale	Councillor Santamaria
Councillor Pound	Councillor A Williams
Councillor Adeleke	Councillor Patterson
Councillor Capozzi	Councillor Weston

Councillor England – Leader of the Council
Councillor Allen – Portfolio Holder, Corporate and Commercial
Councillor Smith-Wright – Portfolio Holder, Transformation (People and Climate & Ecological Emergency)

Officers:

Catherine Silva Donayre (Strategic Director, Corporate & Commercial)
Aidan Wilkie (Strategic Director, People & Transformation)
Mark Brookes (Assistant Director, Legal & Democratic Services)
Nigel Howcutt (Chief Finance Officer)
Ben Hosier (Head of Commercial Development)
Kelvin Soley (Head of Communications)
Yvonne Salvin (Head of Digital)
Trudi Angel (Democratic Support Officer)

Also in attendance:

Councillor Anderson
Councillor Banks
Councillor Douris
Councillor Johnson

The meeting began at 7.30 pm

1 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Reynolds. Councillor Patterson substituted for Councillor Reynolds.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Allen declared an interest under item 10, Mayoral Service Arrangements, as he is a Trustee of Community Action Dacorum. He advised he took no part in producing the report and would not make any comments on this item.

Councillor Douris declared an interest under item 10, Mayoral Service Arrangements, as he is an Independent Director of HITS (Herts Interpreting & Translation Service) which is managed by Community Action Dacorum.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Trevor Standen attended the meeting to speak on item 7.

5 ACTION POINTS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no action points from the previous meeting.

6 QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE REPORT - PEOPLE AND TRANSFORMATION

Please refer to the video minutes for full discussion.

Outcome

The committee noted the report.

7 CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE IN RELATION TO CALL-IN

The committee considered the call in of Portfolio Holder Decision - PH-023-24 - Parking Tariffs & Charging Policies Implementation.

Mr. Standen was invited to speak to the committee, and then Councillor Anderson spoke on behalf of those Councillors that called in the decision; Councillor Douris, Councillor Elliot, Councillor Banks and Councillor Johnson.

The Leader, Councillor England, and the Portfolio Holder for Corporate and Commercial, Councillor Allen, responded to points raised by Mr. Standen and Councillor Anderson.

Members of the committee were then able to pose questions to the Portfolio Holder and to officers.

Following this committee members held a debate, after which a vote was taken.

Please refer to the video minutes for full discussion.

Outcome

Vote: 7 For, 5 Against and 2 Abstained.

Therefore, the Committee decided the original decision would stand. The decision will take effect on the date of the OSC meeting (Rule 15 (e) Part 4).

8 **QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE REPORT - CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL**

Please refer to the video minutes for full discussion.

Outcome

The committee noted the report.

9 **QUARTER 2 FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT**

Please refer to the video minutes for full discussion.

Outcome

The committee noted the report.

10 **MAYORAL SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS**

Please refer to the video minutes for full discussion.

Outcome

The committee noted the recommendations in the report.

Action

Councillor Williams asked M Brookes for a detailed response in relation to the MFF (Mayors Future Fund) on how much had been raised over the past 18 months and what the funds had been spent on.

11 **WORK PROGRAMME**

A Wilkie to provide a detailed report on complaints at the meeting of 4th March 2025.

There were no other changes to the work programme.

The Meeting ended at 10.10 pm