FINANCE & RESOURCES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT 2018/19.

During the Council Year 2018/19 the Finance & Overview & Scrutiny Committee met on nine occasions, including two meeting with all Scrutiny Committees to discuss the 2019/20 Budget requirement .

As to be expected with the wide variety of topics to discuss we experienced several lengthy and in depth discussions ranging from:

Performance Reports.

Revenue Outturn Reports.

Risk Management Updates.

Core Funding for Community Groups.

Revenues and Benefits.

It was agreed that officers would deal with questions from the previous meeting within 14 working days unless there were exception circumstances that would not allow them to do so. This continues to worked well resulting in very few questions being raised prior to the main agenda.

I thank members of the Committee for their full involvement in the discussions. I should also like to thank the officers that attended the meeting for the responses they gave to the Members' questions.

As well as thanking Portfolio Holders Neil Harden (Portfolio Holder for Residents and Regulatory Services), and Graeme Elliot (Portfolio Holder for Finance and Resources) for their regular attendance and input at the Finances and Resources Overview and Scrutiny meetings. Thanks must also go to all the Council Officers who have attended the meeting and the Member Support Team who compiled the agendas, and produced accurate minutes of the meetings. This has been a difficult year with some staff leaving and the Council taking on new replacements, to the credit of all it has been handled well, resulting it being another good year.

Councillor Bert Chapman,

Chairman, Finance and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.