

During the Council Year 2015/6 the Finance & Overview & Scrutiny Committee met on six occasions including two joint meetings with all Scrutiny Committees to discuss the 2015/16 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.

Community Infrastructure Levy.

Core Funding for Community Groups.

Revenues and Benefits.

Etc.

The new format introduced last year that Action Points from the previous meeting would be dealt with as item six on the Agenda has proved a great success. Also with the agreement of Officers it was agreed that a response to the action points would be dealt with within 14 days whenever possible.

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.

Councillor Bert Chapman,

Chairman, Finance and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.