

MINUTES
FINANCE & RESOURCES
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14 JANUARY 2025

Present

Members:

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

Councillor Allen – Portfolio Holder, Corporate and Commercial

Officers:

Catherine Silva Donayre (Strategic Director, Corporate & Commercial)
Mark Brookes (Assistant Director, Legal & Democratic Services)
Nigel Howcutt (Chief Finance Officer)
Ben Hosier (Head of Commercial Development)
Trudi Angel (Democratic Support Officer)

Others:

Ian Parry (Centre for Governance and Scrutiny) attended via Microsoft Teams

The meeting started at 7:30 pm.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Reynolds and Santamaria.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

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

None.

5. ACTION POINTS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no action points from the previous meeting.

6. WORK PROGRAMME

There were no changes to the work programme.

7. TRANSFORMING PUBLIC PROCUREMENT UPDATE & IMPACT – PROCUREMENT ACT 2023

B Hosier introduced the report and highlighted the update to the Commissioning and Procurement Standing Orders (CPSOs).

Please refer to the video minutes for full discussion.

Outcome

The committee noted the report.

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROVISIONAL FINANCE SETTLEMENT UPDATE

N Howcutt introduced the report and provided members with an update of the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement.

Please refer to the video minutes for full discussion.

Outcome

The committee noted the report.

9. COUNCIL TAX SETTING COMMITTEE

N Howcutt introduced the report.

Please refer to the video minutes for full discussion.

Outcome

At the request of the committee, N Howcutt agreed to make some alterations to the proposals and then circulate the revised version to the Group Leaders and Independent Members for comments.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOWING THE REVIEW OF SCRUTINY BY THE CENTRE FOR GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY

M Brookes and Ian Parry presented the review of scrutiny report to the committee.

Please refer to the video minutes for full discussion.

Outcome

- 1) The committee considered and agreed the action plan supporting each recommendation in the report.
- 2) The committee noted the proposed revised committee timetable.

11. MINUTES

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

The meeting ended at 9.06 pm.