
CORRESPONDENCE – INFORMATION REPORT

Background

1. Following Committee meetings, the Chair writes a letter to the relevant Cabinet Member or senior officer, summing up the Committee's comments, concerns and recommendations regarding the issues considered during that meeting. The letter usually asks for a response from the Cabinet Member to any recommendations made and sometimes requests further information.

Issues

2. A copy of the Correspondence Monitoring Sheet detailing the Committee's correspondence and those responses received is attached at **Appendix A**. For ease of reference, the lines of those letters to which the Committee has received a full response and where no actions are left outstanding have now been removed from the document. Where new information has been added since the Committee last considered a correspondence report, this information is highlighted in **bold**. Attached to this report are copies of recent correspondence.

6 January 2015 meeting

3. The Committee considered the Investment Property Review, Employee Costs and Voluntary Severance and the Organisational Development Programme at this meeting. Copies of the Chair's letters are attached at **Appendix B**. A response is due from Councillor Bale regarding the Investment Property Review and is awaited. A response is also due from Councillor Hinchey with regards to the Organisational Development Programme and is awaited.

9 February 2015

4. The Committee considered the Corporate Plan and the 2015/16 Budget Proposals at this meeting. Copies of the Chair's letters are attached at **Appendix B. A response is due to this letter and is awaited.**

3 March 2015

5. The Committee considered the Quarter 3 Corporate Performance Report 2014/15, the Month 9 Budget Monitoring Report and the Organisational Development: Improved Governance project at this meeting. Copies of the Chair's letters are attached at **Appendix B and responses are awaited.**

Legal Implications

6. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

7. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that

goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

Recommendation

The Committee is recommended to note the content of this report and appendices and decide whether it wishes to take any further actions, or request any further information.

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25 March 2015