

Finances, Resources and Partnership Scrutiny Committee

Report to Council (meeting 16th July 2014)

The first meeting of the Committee was held 20th June 2014.

Members reviewed the Financial and Performance Management Report for Quarter 4 (to 31.3.14). It was noted that although the Accounts had yet to be finalised, it was most unlikely that any significant variations were likely to occur, given the amount of work already completed.

Members raised questions in relation to the detail provided in the Performance Management appendix and also the availability of historical information in order to enable conclusions to be made as to progress. Officers have to rely on information from outside bodies in many cases which can be outdated and/or lacking in detail. Clarification of the various points is being addressed by Officers.

A Working Group has been set up to review the Council's policy in relation to Concurrent Funding. Members felt that this was the best way forward and the group will report to the Committee on it's progress at the next meeting with a view to formulating a policy before the end of the year.

The Constitutional Review Working Group was discussed. Members felt that valuable work had been carried out by this group and that it should continue. It was felt that members should be selected on a cross-party basis and nominations were put forward in order to effect this.

Next scheduled meeting 1st September 2014.