

Finance, Resources and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

Report to Full Council 15th July 2015

Meeting held 15th June 2015

Constitution Review Working Group

The Scrutiny Committee was given a verbal update on the current workload of the Constitution Review Working Group by the Democratic Services Manager and a request was made to members of the Committee for new areas of the Constitution to be reviewed. The structure of the Group was also discussed, as well as possible changes to the reporting structure as highlighted within the Peer Review of Committee structures.

After much discussion, it is the view of this Committee that the Constitution Review Working Group remain as a working group of the Finance, Resources and Partnerships Committee and that Leaders should select suitably qualified councillors to continue this working groups excellent work in time for its next meeting, pencilled in for the 14th July 2015.

Financial and Performance Management Report Quarter Four (March) 2015

Finance Review

Due to the timing of the report and the completion of the Year End Accounts by the Finance Team, the Committee was informed that a full review of the finances would be presented to the Audit and Risk Committee on the 06th July 2015.

Performance Review

The Committee received the Performance Management report to the end of Quarter 4 (March 2015) which included five targets of interest;

- The amount of residual waste per household
- Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting
- Percentage of minor planning applications determined within time
- Percentage of other planning applications determined within time
- Number of people accessing leisure and recreational facilities

The Business Improvement Manager (Performance and Procurement) also agreed to provide Members with additional information by members of the Committee.

Review of changes to the Committee arrangements

The Committee received the report on changes to committee arrangements submitted by the Chief Executive. Members were concerned that the report had not been discussed and recommended that

the report be presented to each Committee to seek Members views. Once collated a further report be submitted to Finance, Resources and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee then to Council.

Work Plan

I, as Chair, advised Members that we as a Committee should start to analyse other areas that fell under the remit of the Committee. Newcastle Partnership Strategic Board, the Transformation Programme and Co-operative Council were requested as well as a review of the Information Technology Department and Human Resources.

Mike Stubbs

Chair of Finance, Resources and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee