

FINANCE, RESOURCES AND PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (FRAPS)

REPORT TO COUNCIL - 22 FEBRUARY, 2017.

The Committee has met twice since the previous Council meeting.

At the meeting held on 12 December, 2016 the Council's Head of Communications, Phil Jones presented a report – 'Communications – Moving Forward'. This report outlines proposals for enhancing the way in which the Council communicates with residents, elected members and staff whilst at the same time delivering efficiency savings as part of the budget proposals for 2017/18. The main focus of the discussion was the Reporter.

The Committee also scrutinised further the Scales of Fees and Charges after receiving additional information which was requested at the FRAPS meeting held on 2 November, 2016. Comments from Members were referred to the Cabinet.

At the meeting held on 25 January, 2017, the Committee scrutinised the Treasury Management Strategy for 2017/18. The Council's Executive Director for Resources and Support Services, Kelvin Turner presented the Strategy to members. The report set out, in line with CIPFA requirements, the management of the local authority's investments and cash flow, its banking, money market and capital market transactions.

The Committee approved the Strategy for submission to Full Council on 22 February, 2017.

Revenue and Capital Budgets 2017/18: This report provided Members with the opportunity to scrutinise the draft budget and council tax proposals. Members questioned this report and there was a searching scrutiny. Comments were passed on to Cabinet for consideration prior to the final decision on the Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2017/18.

The date of the next meeting is 13 March, 2017.

Councillor Joan Winfield - Chair