

Finance, Resources and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee (FRAPS)

Report to Council November 22nd 2017.

At the meeting on 5th October 2017 the Committee scrutinised the Medium Term Financial Strategy, Members asked for explanations, clarifications or assumptions in a number of areas within MTFS.

Including:-

Employee incremental increases. Pay Awards, Superannuation and National Insurance Increases, Fees and Charges, New Pressures, Other costs i.e. energy.

Executive Director responded and addressed each of the points raised.

Discussion about Credit Cards.

Use of Credit Cards to pay council tax. The Council charges 1.3% on credit card transactions which generates about £8,000 of income annually. This amount will be lost post January when new regulations come into force.

A member raised the slightly confusing representation of increased collection of rates and how this resulted in a budgetary pressure. The Executive Director clarified reasons and agreed this item should receive a more detailed explanation in final report to Cabinet,

Questions asked about savings following the move to all out elections. Executive Director responded that this would be reported back as part of the overall savings plan.

Work Plan.

With regard to the report of investigation by Association of Election Administration into June 8th election process. This had not been received and clarified the role of the Scrutiny Committee would be to examine any recommendations.

Date of the next meeting Monday 27th November at 7.00 p.m.

Agenda will include

Revenue Budget Savings 2018/19.

Scales of Fees and Charges.

Explanation/Scrutiny of the process of how complaints are investigated following

first contact via web site.

Chair of FRAPS Councillor Joan Winfield.