

Finance, Assets & Performance Scrutiny Committee

28<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Report to Council 19/07/18

The Finance, Assets & Performance Scrutiny Committee met on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

As agreed at the Annual Council meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018, new 'Terms of Reference' were presented to the Committee. Concern was aired at the perceived limiting of the Committee's ability to scrutinise financial and performance areas not included within the two defined portfolio holders areas of concern and in response to this, I will be writing to the Acting Chief Executive and Leader of the Council, to clarify the committee's ability to scrutinise all finance and performance areas of the Council.

Also of note, was the suggested Calendar of Meetings for the year, the proposal to reduce the number of meetings and restrictions on the number of detailed working parties / task and finish groups. Whilst mindful of the capacity of our Officers, the committee was uneasy at the suggestions contained within the terms of reference and whilst the Committee is happy to 'trial' them, the committee also has made it clear to the Acting Chief Executive, as noted in his report to Full Council this evening, that we retain the opportunity to review and amend the terms of reference after 12 months.

During discussions with regard to our work programme for the forthcoming year, committee members were minded to offer the opportunity of 'joint' meetings to the Health, Well Being & Partnerships Committee in Autumn 2018 & Spring 2019 to discuss areas of shared concern, an example being the future of the Guildhall.

The Committee also clarified the operating guidelines for the Constitution Working group and recommended that the Constitution itself be placed on the Risk Register underlining the seriousness and quantity of work required on it in the short and medium term.

And finally, the Committee also agreed to offer the Cabinet pre-decision scrutiny in areas that the Administration would feel productive and in keeping with our terms of reference.

**Cllr Mike Stubbs**

**Chairman**

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