

## **Transformation & Resources Scrutiny – Report to Full Council 27 November 2013**

The last meeting of the Transformation & Resources Scrutiny Committee was on 6th November. I thought that it was a very constructive meeting, with good debate around the table.

Agenda items included:

### **Capital Strategy 2014-2017**

The committee considered the draft Capital Strategy. This will be coming to Full Council in February for approval by all members. There was some discussion about the future prospects for Right to Buy Receipts and Asset Management. (The committee will of course be scrutinising the financial aspects of the Asset Management Strategy at our December meeting.)

### **Medium Term Financial Strategy**

This report had already been approved by Cabinet and came to the committee for any additional comments. There was a very constructive debate around issues that could influence the MTFs such as HS2 and JCB. In addition there was discussion about the growth agenda, with suggestions put forward by members to help develop the economy of the local area.

### **Financial & Performance Management Report**

This was the second time that the new style report had been received by the committee and it was pleasing to note that many of the recommendations over style and format had now been incorporated into the document. When discussing the revenue budget position the committee considered variances and discussed the position regarding Kidsgrove Sports centre. When considering the performance indicators themselves the committee suggested a few additional changes to the report, and also queried how some of the data is collected - such as recording of volunteer hours. It is worth noting by all members that a 'Guide to Performance Reports' has been produced, with the aim of helping members to understand the terms, headings and definitions used. If any councillor would like a copy of this guide then please let me know.

### **Next Meeting**

The committee next meets on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, and agenda topics include an update on the Budget Consultation process and our first Portfolio Holder question time, which will be the committee's opportunity to question the Council Leader.

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