

Chairman - Councillor M J Winnington

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

E L Carter	A M Loughran
B M Cross	A Nixon
R A James	J S Powell
E G R Jones	J P Read

Also present:- Councillors R P Cooke, Resources Portfolio
A F Reid, Economic Development and Planning Portfolio
A T A Godfrey, Leader
J Pert

Officers in attendance:-

T Clegg	-	Chief Executive
C Forrester	-	Deputy Chief Executive (Resources)
I Curran	-	Head of Law and Governance
J Aupers	-	Head of Transformation and Assurance
J Allen	-	Democratic Services Officer

RSC12 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2024, as previously circulated, were agreed as a correct record.

RSC13 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M G Dodson (substituted by Councillor E G R Jones), K M Aspin (substituted by B M Cross) and B McKeown.

RSC14 General Fund Revenue Budget and Capital Programme

The Deputy Chief Executive (Resources) introduced the report noting the detail as set out in paragraphs 3 and 5 and referred to the recommendations in paragraph 2.

It was noted that there is no certainty regarding future multi-year settlements

RESOLVED:- that in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the report be noted and referred to Council.

The Deputy Chief Executive (Resources) and all of the finance team were thanked for the work done to create a balanced budget. It was acknowledged that the work involved significant time outside of normal working hours.

RSC15 Fees and Charges Review

The Deputy Chief Executive (Resources) introduced the report noting the detail as set out in paragraphs 3 and 5 and referred to the recommendations in paragraph 2.

It was noted that paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2 should both have 2024 changed to 2025.

RESOLVED:- that in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the report be noted.

RSC16 The Procurement Act

The Head of Law and Governance introduced the report noting the detail as set out in paragraphs 3 and 5 and referred to the recommendations in paragraph 2.

RESOLVED:- that Council be recommended to update the Procurement Regulations in the Constitution as set out in the APPENDIX.

RSC17 Corporate Plan 2025-26 to 2028-29 - Proposals

The Head of Transformation and Assurance introduced the report noting the detail in paragraphs 3 and 5.

It was noted that the consultation period has now ended and the final plan will be taken to Cabinet on 6 March 2025 and Council for approval on 8 April 2025.

RESOLVED:- that in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the report be noted.

RSC18 Work Programme - Resources Scrutiny Committee

Considered a report presenting the Resources Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme.

Two further items were added for discussion at a future date:

- Local Plan;
- Devolution - impacts on shared services.

RESOLVED:- that in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the report be noted subject to amendments.

CHAIR