

Chairman - Councillor M J Winnington

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

Councillors:

K M Aspin

E L Carter

A D Hobbs

R A James

P A Leason

A Nixon

L Nixon

J S Powell

J P Read

Also present:- Councillors R P Cooke, Resources Portfolio
J M Pert

Officers in attendance:-

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

RSC12 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2025, as previously circulated, were agreed as a correct record.

RSC13 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M G Dodson (substituted by Councillor L Nixon) and A M Loughran (substituted by Councillor A D Hobbs).

RSC14 Update from Task and Finish - Revenues and Benefits Collection

The Chair commented that there had been several useful sessions with the Revenues and Benefits Manager. The final meeting of the Task and Finish Group would be 24 March prior to the Resources Scrutiny Committee. There will be monthly emails to the group providing updates of the arrears recovery process.

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

RSC15 Q2 Performance Update

Head of Transformation and Assurance introduced the relevant appendices showing progress for Quarter 2.

JA to seek clarification from the Head of Regulatory Services:

- What percentage of schools contacted have signed up for workshops?
- Can training be rolled out to all Members, not just Cabinet?

JA advised that whilst there has been a delay in meeting with managers to discuss what other services can be added to those available on line, preparatory work has commenced on assessing services referenced on our website.

It was noted that there is a national problem regarding the collection of Business Rates, especially since employment costs have risen.

JA to ask Council Tax to see if they can identify what percentage of defaults are by disabled people since their benefits have reduced.

RESOLVED:- that

- a) in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the report be noted.
- b) the Head of Regulatory Services provide an update regarding the queries listed above

RSC16 Review of the Constitution

Head of Law and Governance presented the report. It was requested that the start time of the Task and Finish be 6pm.

RESOLVED:- that

- a) in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the report be noted
- b) the start time of the Task and Finish Working Group meetings be 6pm.

RSC17 Work Programme - Resources Scrutiny Committee

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

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

CHAIR