

Chairman - Councillor M J Winnington

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

Councillors:

K M Aspin

E L Carter

M G Dodson

A D Hobbs

R A James

B McKeown

A Nixon

J S Powell

J P Read

Also present:- Councillor R P Cooke, Resources Portfolio

Officers in attendance:-

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

### **RSC1 Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2025, as previously circulated, were agreed as a correct record.

### **RSC2 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P A Leason (substituted by Councillor B McKeown) and A M Loughran (substituted by Councillor A D Hobbs).

### **RSC3 Business Planning Report**

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

(a) in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the report be noted.

(b) The appendix be submitted to Council on 22 July 2025.

#### **RSC4 Complaints Monitoring**

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.

The committee noted that the majority of complaints to the Ombudsman related to planning matters and were not progressed due to planning appeal processes being more appropriate. Members queried whether the information available when a planning application has been refused is clear enough and suggested that the information should be available in a range of different formats.

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

#### **RSC5 End of Year Performance Report 2024-25**

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

Members of the Committee expressed their thanks to the finance team for successfully closing three sets of accounts bringing the Council up to date.

With regards to KPI's, two had not been met. Members shared their concerns regarding the percentage of buildings that have a current Fire Risk Assessment and asked for a letter to be written to the relevant Cabinet Member, the Head of Service and Chief Executive, requesting an initial response within 5 days.

RESOLVED:- that

- (a) in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the report be noted.
- (b) a letter be written to the Cabinet Member, Head of Service and Chief Executive regarding Fire Risk Assessments.

#### **RSC6 Work Programme - Resources Scrutiny Committee**

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

There will be a new Task and Finish Group regarding the Debt Collection Process for Council Tax and Business Rates. The date of the first meeting and membership of the working group were to be confirmed.

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

CHAIR