

FINANCE AND CORPORATE OVERVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber on Thursday 5th September at 10:00 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor David Bennett in the Chair

Councillors Rowan Clarke, Justin Gilbody (From minute number FC12-24/25), Lucy King (from minute number FC13-24/25), Sally Renshaw, Janet Tait and Jane Yates

Officers:- Steve Brunt (Strategic Director of Services), Theresa Fletcher (Section 151 Officer), Kath Drury (Information, Engagement and Performance Manager), Thomas Dunne-Wragg (Scrutiny Officer) and Hannah Douthwaite (Governance and Civic Officer)

FCO8-24/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence had been received on behalf of Councillor Chris Kane.

FCO9-24/25 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no Urgent Items of Business considered at the meeting.

FC10-24/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were made at the meeting.

FC11-24/25 MINUTES – 17TH JULY 2024

Moved by Councillor Rowan Clarke and seconded by Councillor Janet Tait
RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 17th July 2024 be approved as a true and correct record.

FC12-24/25 LIST OF KEY DECISIONS AND ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE

The Committee considered and noted the List of Key Decisions and items to be considered in private.

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FC13-24/25 COUNCIL PLAN TARGETS PERFORMANCE UPDATE - APRIL TO JUNE 2024

The Information, Engagement and Performance Manager provided Members with an update on the Quarter 1 outturns for Council Plan targets 2024-2028.

Councillor Lucy King entered the meeting.

Out of the 34 targets:

- 31 (91%) targets were on track
- 1 (3%) target had been extended by one quarterly period
- 1 (3%) target had yet to start
- 1 (3%) target was requested to be withdrawn as it was incorporated within other targets

Out of the 53 key performance indicators:

- 35 (66%) indicators had a positive outturn
- 11 (21%) indicators had a negative outturn
- 7 (13%) indicators were within target

A summary of performance against each Council aim was detailed within the report.

More detail had been provided within the report so Members could better monitor the performance against targets.

Members noted that the real time feedback being used by the Contact Centres was a positive step to be able to monitor performance instead of after the event when it was too late to implement changes.

Moved by Councillor Justin Gilbody and seconded by Councillor Lucy King
RESOLVED that the quarterly outturns against the Council Plan 2024-2028 targets be noted.

FC14-24/25 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The Section 151 Officer provided Members of the Committee with a detailed Budget Monitoring Report. The purpose of the report was to update the Committee on the financial position of the Council following the first quarter's budget monitoring exercise for the General Fund, the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), Capital Programme and Treasury Management activity.

Members were reminded that the General Fund covers all services except the Housing Revenue Account.

A member queried voids and if it was possible to spilt out those that could be re let and those that were awaiting development / being demolished.

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There remained a great deal of uncertainty regarding the future funding of Local Government. The change in Government after the general election made trying to predict what may be in the Spending Review for 2024, extremely difficult.

There were no significant financial issues to report regarding capital expenditure at the end of the first quarter.

Further information could be found in the appendices to the report.

Moved by Councillor Justin Gilbody and seconded by Councillor Jane Yates

RESOLVED that (1) the Finance and Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee notes the monitoring position of the General Fund at the end of the first quarter as detailed in **Appendix 1** to the report (A net favourable variance of £0.576m against the profiled budget) and the key issues highlighted within this report; and

(2) the Finance and Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee notes the position on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), the Capital Programme and Treasury Management at the end of the first quarter (**Appendices 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6**).

FC15-24/25

FINANCE AND CORPORATE OVERVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

Moved by Councillor David Bennett and seconded by Councillor Sally Renshaw
RESOLVED that the Finance and Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee Work Programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 10:52 hours.