

Chairman - Councillor R P Cooke

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

Councillors:

B M Cross	R A James
A P Edgeller	E G R Jones
I D Fordham	G P K Pardesi
A T A Godfrey	P Roycroft
J Hood	

Cabinet Member - Councillor R M Smith - Resources Portfolio  
Cabinet Member - Councillor C V Trowbridge - Leisure Portfolio  
Cabinet Member - Councillor M J Winnington - Environment Portfolio

Also in Attendance - Councillors A D Hobbs, W J Kemp, A M Loughran  
and R M Sutherland

Officers in attendance:-

Mr I Curran	-	Head of Law and Administration
Mr N Clifton	-	Interim Head of Operations
Mr C Forrester	-	Head of Finance
Mrs E Fullagar	-	Chief Accountant
Mr A Bailey	-	Scrutiny Officer

## **RSC20 Minutes**

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 10 November 2022, as published on the Council's website, were submitted and signed.

## **RSC21 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M G Dodson (Substitute B M Cross), A S Harp (Substitute A P Edgeller) and R Kenney (Substitute J Hood).

## **EDP22 Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED:- that pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting whilst the next following item of business be discussed, on the grounds that it includes the disclosure of exempt information of the type specified in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

*Recording of the meeting was suspended at this time.*

**RSC22 Freedom Leisure Contract - Part Confidential - Called in Item**

The following matter was considered by Cabinet at its meeting held on 1 December 2022 and had been Called in to this Committee by Councillors A T A Godfrey, G P K Pardesi and A M Loughran for the following reason:-

“We would like SBC Members to look at the detail of the issues raised in the Cabinet Report”.

The Committee considered the report of the Interim Head of Operations (V4 12/12/22) that in light of significant budgetary pressures on the Freedom Leisure contract, considered options in relation to:

- (a) delivery of the Shakespeare production for 2023; and
- (b) the financial implications of the exceptional increase in energy costs.

The Committee discussed the delivery of the Shakespeare production for 2023 and the financial implications of the exceptional increase in energy costs with the Cabinet Member (Leisure Portfolio) and the Interim Head of Operations.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the decision of the Cabinet as set out in Minute No CAB45/22, in relation to the Freedom Leisure Contract, be noted.

*The press and public were readmitted to the meeting and the recording was recommenced at this time*

**RSC22 General Fund Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2023-26**

This matter had been considered by Cabinet at its meeting held on 1 December 2022 and was submitted to this Committee for consultation.

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Finance (V1 14/12/22) that proposed to the Council the General Fund Revenue Budget for 2023-24, the updated Capital Programme 2023-26 and indicative budgets for 2024-25 to 2025-26.

The Committee discussed the following aspects of the report with the Cabinet Member (Resources Portfolio), the Head of Finance and the Chief Accountant:-

- The 2022/23 Pay Award
- Reduced Corporate Support Administration
- Lease of Vacant areas of the Civic Centre
- Removal of Concessionary Parking
- Streetscene Efficiencies

- Increase in Garden Waste Charges from 2024
- Lease Car Park Concessions
- Business Rates Income
- Riverway Site Improved Depot Facilities
- Disabled Facilities Grants
- New Gypsy and Traveller Site
- Unpresented Cheques Pre 2021-22

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the decision of the Cabinet as set out in Minute No CAB43/22, regarding the General Fund Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2023 - 26, be noted.

**RSC24 Resources Portfolio - General Fund Revenue Budget 2022/2023 - 2025/2026 and Capital Programme 2022/2023 - 2025/2026**

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Finance (V1 05/12/22) in relation to the draft detailed Resources Portfolio revenue budget for 2022/2023 - 2025/2026 and the draft Resources Portfolio Capital Programme for 2022/2023 - 2025/2026.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the report be noted.

**RSC25 Work Programme - Resources Scrutiny Committee**

Considered the report of the Head of Law and Administration (V1 29/11/22), which presented the Resources Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

The Committee discussed the need for a report to be made to the next meeting that presented Members with the medium term assumptions of inflation on the Council's General Fund Revenue Budget.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the Work Programme be approved, subject to the amendments made at the meeting.

CHAIR