

# Minutes of the Resources Scrutiny Committee held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Tuesday 7 November 2023

Chairman - Councillor M J Winnington

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

Councillors:

E L Carter A M Loughran
M G Dodson B McKeown
F D J James A Nixon
R A James J S Powell
E G R Jones M J Winnington

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

#### RSC7 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2023, as previously circulated, were agreed as a correct record.

# RSC8 Final Accounts 2022-23

Considered a report to present to Cabinet the final outturn position for 2022/23.

The Deputy Chief Executive (Resources) introduced the report.

Councillor M J Winnington declared an interest in the disabled facility grants. Deputy Chief Executive (Resources) to email Members of the committee to confirm that the disabled facility grants facility has been set up and is being used.

Deputy Chief Executive (Resources) to provide details of forward spend for maintenance of trees and to seek clarification regarding the use of the £126k allocation.

Deputy Chief Executive (Resources) to provide an explanatory note regarding rephasing of spending in next report. Also to provide clarity around any acronyms used within the reports.

Members then voted on the recommendation as set out, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that:

- (a) the final outturn position for the year ending 31 March 2023 be noted;
- (b) the financing of the capital programme as outlined in the report be approved.

Officers were thanked for managing and maintaining the budget sheet.

## RSC9 Fees and Charges Review 2024

Considered a report proposing the Fees and Charges for 2024 for Council approval.

The Deputy Chief Executive (Resources) introduced the report and notified Members that the amount of grant from central government is not usually known until December so a figure for this has not been included in the report.

Members requested that a complete list of Fees and Charges be available on the Members' portal with immediate effect.

Members then voted on the recommendation as set out, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that the proposed Fees and Charges for 2024 be recommended to Council for approval.

### RSC10 Quarter 2 Performance Report for 2023-24

Considered a report introduced by Head of Transformation and Assurance summarising the successes and slippage for Quarter 2.

Head of Transformation and Assurance to email out to Members of the Committee the business case extract which was agreed December 2022.

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

### **RSC11** Review of the Constitution

Considered a report recommending updates to the Constitution to align with new senior management structure and to agree the mechanism with which to undertake the annual review of the Constitution.

It was noted that the proposed dates for the task and Finish Review Working Group are:

- 18:00 on Monday 22 January 2024
- 18:00 on Monday 12 February 2024
- 18:00 on Wednesday 13 March 2024 (followed by the scheduled Resources Scrutiny Committee on that evening to confirm amendments, having a later start to accommodate the Task and Finish Review Working Group)

Members subsequently voted on the recommendation as set out, which was declared to be carried.

### RESOLVED:- that:

- (a) committee recommend that Council update the Constitution to align with the senior management structure
- (b) committee establish a Task and Finish Review Working Group in order to undertake a review of the Council's current Constitution.

# **RSC12** Work Programme - Resources Scrutiny Committee

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

S106 report to be added to the March 2024 agenda.

Members requested that the S106 briefing which had been agreed in September 2021 should take place as soon as possible.

Members duly voted on the recommendation as set out, which was declared to be carried.

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

CHAIR