

Chairman - Councillor M G Dodson

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

Councillors:

E L Carter

M G Dodson

R A James

E G R Jones

A Nixon

J Read

Also present:- Councillors R P Cooke, Resources Portfolio

Officers in attendance:-

G Whitehouse - Head of Regulatory Services

J Aupers - Head of Business Support and Assurance

J Allen - Democratic Services Officer

RSC9 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2026, as previously circulated, were agreed as a correct record.

RSC10 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J A Barron (substituted by Councillor B McKeown), P C Edgeller and P Leason.

RSC11 Q1 Performance Report

Head of Business Support and Assurance and Head of Regulatory Services presented the appendices and summarised the achievements.

RESOLVED:- that in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the contents of the appendices be noted.

RSC12 Local Government Reorganisation Update

Head of Business Support and Assurance provided a verbal update informing Members that work on Local Government Reorganisation has been paused. The Council was awaiting confirmation regarding timeframes.

Local elections would be taking place in May 2027 with the expectation that elected Members would serve for a four year term.

It was note that devolution is still expected to go ahead.

The Council had put some work/projects on hold whilst the focus turned to LGR. There would now be a piece of work to see which of these would be looked at again.

There had been a formal letter from the Minister to cease work on LGR. The Project Manager has been stood down.

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

RSC13 Work Programme - Resources Scrutiny Committee

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

It was requested that the End of Year Outturn for 2025-26 be brought to the December meeting. It was queried whether it should have been taken to scrutiny before Cabinet.

RESOLVED:- that in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the report be noted, subject to the amendment above, and detailed in the amended schedule below.

CHAIR

Work Programme

Tuesday 15 December 2026 at 6:30pm

Report Deadline: Monday 30 November 2026

Officer Reports: **Review of the Constitution**
Head of Law and Governance

End of Year Outturn for 2025-26
S151 Officer

Q2 Performance Report
Head of Business Support and Assurance

Local Government Reorganisation
Head of Business Support and Assurance

Work Programme
Head of Law and Governance

Monday 18 January 2027 at 6:30pm

Report Deadline: Monday 4 January 2027

Officer Reports: **General Fund Revenue Budget and Capital Programme**
Deputy Chief Executive (Resources)

Fees and Charges Review
Deputy Chief Executive (Resources)

Work Programme
Head of Law and Governance

Tuesday 23 March 2027 at 6:30pm

Report Deadline: Monday 8 March 2027

Officer Reports:

Review of the Constitution

Head of Law and Governance

Q3 Performance Report

Head of Business Support and Assurance

Local Government Reorganisation

Head of Business Support and Assurance

Work Programme

Head of Law and Governance

Future Items:

Approval of Business Cases

LGR progress

Six monthly review of additional resource to the Revenues and Benefits Collection Department