

Chairman - Councillor M G Dodson

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

Councillors:

E L Carter

M G Dodson

P C Edgeller

R A James

E G R Jones

B McKeown

A Nixon

J Read

Also present:- Councillors

R P Cooke, Resources Portfolio

A N Pearce, Climate Action and Nature

Recovery Portfolio

J M Pert

A J Sandiford

Officers in attendance:-

I Curran - Head of Law and Governance

G Whitehouse - Head of Regulatory Services

J Aupers - Head of Transformation and Assurance

M Manning - Principal Climate Change Officer

J Allen - Democratic Services Officer

RSC1 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2026, as previously circulated, were agreed as a correct record.

RSC2 Apologies

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

RSC3 Climate Change Strategy and Progress Towards Target

Head of Regulatory Services and Principal Climate Change Officer delivered a presentation providing an update regarding the Climate Change Strategy and action plans. Background papers had been shared prior to the meeting.

The presentation summarised the work undertaken so far, including two videos. It also included a list of work which is ongoing but is outside of the performance indicators. The team target interventions with the biggest impact (5 pillars).

RESOLVED:- that the contents of the presentation and background papers be noted

The Principal Climate Change Officer was thanked for the presentation.

RSC4 Business Planning Report

The Head of Law and Governance presented the annual report to Council. The report summarised the work of each of the scrutiny committees over the previous year and will be submitted to Council on 21 July.

RESOLVED:- that

(a) the contents of the report be noted;

(b) the report be submitted to Council

RSC5 Complaints Monitoring 2026-26

The Head of Law and Governance presented the annual report which summarised complaints and response times for the 2025-26. Comparisons were made to 2024-25.

It was noted that there had been an increase in planning related complaints when compared with the previous year and that the Planning department was already progressing an improvement plan that had previously been reported to the Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED:- that the contents of the report be noted

RSC6 Q4 and End of Year Performance Report

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

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

RSC7 Local Government Reorganisation Update

Head of Business Support and Assurance provided a verbal update:

Nationally still awaiting a decision from central government regarding which model is going to be used.

Locally Work is ongoing across all councils in the area, mainly collecting data ready for when the decision has been made.

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

RSC8 Work Programme - Resources Scrutiny Committee

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

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

CHAIR

Work Programme

Tuesday 22 September 2026 at 6:30pm

Report Deadline: Monday 7 September 2026

Officer Reports:

- Q1 Performance Report**
Head of Business Support and Assurance
- Local Government Reorganisation**
Head of Business Support and Assurance
- Work Programme**
Head of Law and Governance

Tuesday 15 December 2026 at 6:30pm

Report Deadline: Monday 30 November 2026

Officer Reports:

- Review of the Constitution**
Head of Law and Governance
- 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**

Tuesday 23 March 2027 at 6:30pm

Report Deadline: Monday 8 March 2027

Officer Reports: **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