

## **COUNCILLORS**

Boyd Elliott (Chairman)  
Glynn Gilfoyle (Vice-Chairman) - **Apologies**

Steve Carr	John Ogle
Jim Creamer	Philip Owen
Kate Foale	Francis Purdue-Horan
Roger Jackson - <b>Apologies</b>	Dave Shaw
Eric Kerry	Sam Smith
Nigel Moxon	

## **SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

Councillor Richard Butler (substitute for Councillor Roger Jackson)  
Councillor Mike Pringle (substitute for Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle)

## **OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Richard Jackson, Cabinet Member for Finance  
Councillor Bruce Laughton, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Transformation

## **OFFICERS**

Martin Elliott	Senior Scrutiny Officer
Nigel Stevenson	Service Director, Finance, Infrastructure & Improvement
Jo Toomey	Advanced Democratic Services Officer
Marjorie Toward	Service Director, Customers, Governance and Employees

1. **TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT BY FULL COUNCIL ON 11 MAY 2023 OF COUNCILLOR BOYD ELLIOTT AS CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLOR GLYNN GILFOYLE AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE 2023-24 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

The Committee noted Council's appointment of Councillor Elliott as its Chairman and Councillor Gilfoyle as its Vice-Chairman for the 2023/24 municipal year.

2. **TO NOTE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE 2023-24 MUNICIPAL YEAR**

The Committee noted its membership for the 2023/24 municipal year.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 23 MARCH 2023 AND 31 MARCH 2023**

The minutes of the meetings held on 23 March 2023 and 31 March 2023, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chair.

### **4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle (other reasons) was substituted by Councillor Mike Pringle
- Councillor Roger Jackson (sickness/medical) was substituted by Councillor Richard Butler

### **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interest were made.

### **6. BUDGET MONITORING PROCESS AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK**

The Cabinet Member for Finance presented the report on the Budget monitoring process and Budget framework. In doing so, he highlighted key dates for budget monitoring reports. Members were advised that opposition groups received regular briefings on the Budget, for which they expressed their thanks.

#### **RESOLVED 2023/007**

1. That the established processes for monitoring the budget be noted.
2. That the Budget Framework for establishing the budget for 2024/25 be noted.

### **7. COST OF LIVING REVIEW PROGRESS REPORT**

The Senior Scrutiny Officer presented the report, which updated Members on the progress of the cost-of-living review. He also gave an overview of activity that had been completed since the report was published. This included identifying contacts to provide evidence about the impact of the increased cost of living and how it varied across the county.

Members of the Committee were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions, as summarised below:

- Several members indicated they would prefer to restrict the review to matters over which the Council had direct control. One example included the effective distribution of grants and support
- Some members referred to factors that had contributed to the increased cost of living and how long their repercussions might be experienced
- It was suggested that empirical data was made available as soon as possible to help the review focus on the impacts of the increased cost of living

- The committee queried whether the timeline for completing the review was appropriate. They referred to the length of the review and the indication that two further meetings were anticipated
- Queries were raised around increases in the number of children eligible for free school meals and pupil premium
- Members were assured that the next stages of the review would focus on evidence and impact

### **RESOLVED 2023/008**

That the activity carried out so far by the cost-of-living review group be noted.

## **8. ALL-AGE CARERS STRATEGY – REFUSAL OF CALL-IN REQUEST**

The Chairman introduced the report on the reasons the call-in request for the All-age Carers Strategy was refused.

Members of the Committee made comments and asked questions of the Monitoring Officer about her decision:

- Members felt the distinction between formal and informal scrutiny lacked clarity. Some members highlighted concerns about the way comments made during informal sessions were reported. To improve clarity a protocol was being developed
- The work programme of the Members' Governance working group included the operation of scrutiny. The Council's groups were encouraged to send comments through their representative on the working group
- Some concern was expressed about the difficulty calling in a decision unless there was a procedural issue
- Members were advised that there was no appeal mechanism for the Monitoring Officer's decision to refuse a request for call-in

### **RESOLVED 2023/009**

That the call-in request made in relation to the Cabinet decision on the All-age Carers Strategy and the response from the Monitoring Officer refusing the request be noted.

## **9. WORK PROGRAMME**

The Senior Scrutiny Officer introduced the Committee's current work programme. The work programmes for each of the select committees were also appended to the report. Members suggested further items that could be considered for inclusion on the work programme.

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Health and Care Plans. He added that the inspection required the development of an improvement plan, the implementation of which would be kept under review by the Children and Families Select Committee.

**RESOLVED 2023/010**

That the work programme and the following suggested additions:

- Delivery of the Freeport
- The impact of the Freeport on workers' rights

The meeting closed at 11.11am

**CHAIRMAN**