

### **COUNCILLORS**

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

Jim Creamer  
Kate Foale  
Eric Kerry  
Nigel Moxon  
John Ogle - **Apologies**

Francis Purdue-Horan - **Apologies**  
Mike Quigley  
Sam Smith  
Jason Zadrozny - **Apologies**

### **SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

Councillor John Lee for Councillor John Ogle  
Councillor David Martin for Councillor Jason Zadrozny  
Councillor Andy Meakin for Councillor Purdue-Horan

### **OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Andre Camilleri  
Councillor Neil Clarke  
Councillor Keith Girling  
Councillor Richard Jackson  
Councillor Mike Pringle

### **Officers**

Pete Barker	Democratic Services Officer
Melanie Brooks	Corporate Director, Adult Social Care & Health
Martin Elliott	Senior Scrutiny Officer
Derek Higton	Service Director, Place & Communities
Matthew Neale	Service Director, Investment & Growth
Nigel Stevenson	Service Director, Finance, Infrastructure & Improvement
Marje Toward	Service Director, Customers, Governance and Employees

### **1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 13 JUNE 2022**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 13 June 2022, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor John Ogle (Other Reasons)  
Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan (Medical/Illness)  
Councillor Jason Zadrozny (Other Reasons)

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interest were made.

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

Nigel Stevenson introduced the report and highlighted the following:

- The report details the budget process.
- The process has not changed, with transparency a priority and monitoring reports produced on a monthly basis.
- The production of monitoring reports does not always match the timetable for Committee meetings. The monitoring report for Period 3 is attached as an appendix to the main report. Councillor Jackson and Councillor Camilleri have already seen the monitoring report for Period 4 which is now publicly available.
- Consultation is a crucial part of the Budget process and the timetable for the setting of the budget for 2022/23 is appended to the main report.
- Budget reports will be brought to the Overview Committee in December 2022 and January 2023.

Following Nigel Stevenson's introduction the following questions were responded to:

- There is a determination for the consultation process to be meaningful and it is assumed that members of the Overview Committee will also make suggestions. The Overview Committee will see the results of the consultation.
- This is the first consultation under the Cabinet system and timescales are very tight this year. The process will develop over time and best practice measures adopted.
- Members can consult interested parties, for example the business community, and feed into the consultation process.
- Questions around the shortfall in funding for care reforms and the need for a longer term financial settlement from government are outside the scope of this report but will become relevant as the budget process progresses.

- The figure for predicted capital receipts is the best estimate and the situation is monitored closely. It is important that district councils process planning applications so revenue is maximised.
- The government's decision not to increase National Insurance will not affect this Authority's spending plans.
- In terms of energy costs, the authority is protected at present by current contracts which have a fixed price. Costs are likely to rise considerably when the contracts are renewed.

#### **RESOLVED 2022/001**

That the established processes for monitoring the budget and the budget framework for establishing the budget for 2022/23, be noted.

#### **5. WORK PROGRAMME**

Concern was expressed by some members at the priorities in the Work Programme and the following questions were responded to:

- Work is ongoing regarding the increases in the cost of living.
- The issues around County Council buildings are ones that can be dealt with sooner than the challenges around the cost of living.
- There are 9 legislative items of change regarding adults reform that will take time to work through.

The Chair stated that the Work Programme would be considered at each meeting and will be amended as time progresses. Members are welcome to send suggested changes/additions at any time to the Chair, Vice Chair or Martin Elliott.

#### **RESOLVED 2022/002**

That the contents of the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 11.14am

**CHAIRMAN**