

## **Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Commission – Financial Monitoring Task Group**

**Date: 20 February 2017**

**Subject: Work programme**

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Lead member: Councillor Hamish Badenoch, Chair, Task Group

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### **Recommendations:**

- A. That the task group discuss and agree dates and agenda items for future meetings, guided by but not limited to those set out in this report
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## **1 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 1.1. There is one meeting remaining in the 2016/17 meeting cycle:
- 4 July 2017 - financial outturn report
- 1.2. Three dates have been identified for meetings in the 2017/18 meeting cycle, on the assumption that the Overview and Scrutiny Commission will reconstitute the working group at its meeting on 4 July:
- 25 July 2017 - quarter 1 financial monitoring report
  - 14 November 2017 - quarter 2 financial monitoring report
  - 6 March 2018 - quarter 3 financial monitoring report
- 1.3. Should members wish, there may be a final meeting in July 2018 to consider the 2017/18 financial outturn report prior to it being received by Standards and General Purposes Committee.

## **2 WORK PROGRAMME ITEMS ALREADY IDENTIFIED BY THE TASK GROUP**

- 2.1. Asset Management
- 2.2. The task group last scrutinised this on 5 July 2016 and has asked for an update report. This should include a schedule sub-divided into categories (such as retail, commercial, social, ground rent..) and to include information about the review of commercial property that was planned to conclude spring 2017.
- 2.3. This item was deferred from the meeting on 20 February 2017 as the lead officer was unable to attend – he has confirmed that he is available to attend the task group's meeting on 4 July.
- 2.4. Wimbledon Tennis Championship
- 2.5. The issue came to the task group's attention during discussion of the Greenspaces deepdive report at its last meeting. The task group noted the underachievement on income for car park provision for the WTC, the complex relationship between the council, the AELTC and the role of the Lawn Tennis Association.

- 2.6. The task group has asked for a report setting out details of the income received and costs incurred by the council in relation to the Wimbledon Tennis Championship each year. They would also like information about the approach taken to negotiations with the AELTC regarding these.
- 2.7. This item was deferred from the meeting on 20 February 2017 as the lead officer was unable to attend – he has confirmed that he is available to attend the task group’s meeting on 4 July.
- 2.8. Transport service
- 2.9. The task group carried out a budget deepdive scrutiny at its meeting on 10 November 2016. The task group has requested an update report “next year”, to include updated metrics.
- 2.10. Customer contact programme
- 2.11. The task group received a report at its meeting on 26 July 2016 and agreed to receive a further update on savings associated with the customer contact programme, including indicative percentage figures showing dependency on the programme.
- 2.12. Contextualised information on savings
- 2.13. The task group discussed this with the Director of Corporate Services at its meeting on 10 November 2016. Task group members said that they wished to have information at a more disaggregated level than that provided by the service plans. The Director said it would not be possible to do this in time for the budget scrutiny meetings in January 2017 due to the planned implementation of a new financial management system.
- 2.14. Suggestions from Cabinet Members
- 2.15. The cabinet Member for Children’s Social Care, Councillor Katy Neep, suggested that the task group could look at placements – a volatile area of significant overspend and new government burdens