

RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING REPORT

(Addendum)

SCRUTINY OF THE BUDGET

(Recommendations from the Committee on 12 January 2022 and response of Cabinet from 28 January 2022)

The Chairman of the Committee seeks approval to comment/request as follows:

“The response from Cabinet is very much welcomed and the positive acceptance of the recommendations is appreciated. To assist the Committee, it would be helpful to record against the numbered points used in the original recommendations and the reply to them:

General Fund

1. *The Committee will watch with interest to see that the Corporate Investment Plan proposed does indeed address the level of carry forward items highlighted by the external auditors.*
2. *(a) It really is important that reserves and provisions for projects/schemes that are not to be pursued at all (or in the medium term) are replaced with schemes that will deliver real benefit against the Corporate Plan adopted by Full Council up to 2024.
(b) The decision to fund the posts identified by the Committee is very positive.
(c) and (d) The Committee will watch with interest the Corporate Investment Plan as it is produced to deliver against the commitments for a range of seafront enhancements, improvements to public conveniences and the overlap with the CIL process.*
3. *The need to keep the public aware of the efforts to achieve new cremators at the District’s crematorium is seen as important by the Committee. Something it will no doubt return to when it looks at the Council’s Communication Strategy in March 2021.*
4. *Procurement and contract management is a matter that is being placed on the prospective work programme of the Committee for 2022/23 and so the intended actions to improve matters can be monitored and issues addressed.*
5. *And 6. - These matters did not appear to have been responded to and so replies are respectfully requested if this could be arranged.*

Housing Revenue Account

1. *The Committee considers stretch targets as helpful to keep everyone focussed to deliver the improvements that clearly have occurred in 2021/22 since the Committee began looking at this matter. This, no doubt, will be something the Committee will want to return to in 2022/23.*
2. *The identification of £0.333M to address the issues likely to come from the stock condition survey is a very welcome response to the recommendation.”*

SCRUTINY OF JOINT USE FACILITIES OPTIONS

(Recommendations from the Committee on 13 December 2021 and response of Cabinet from 17 December 2021)

The Chairman of the Committee seeks approval to comment/request as follows:

“To thank the Portfolio Holder for hosting an initial meeting on the direction and scope of the proposed Sports and Leisure Strategy and for listening to the

suggestions made; including on adopting a data driven approach to the Strategy and the timing for this be Strategy to be produced.”

[Note: This also addresses the action arising from the recommendation from the Committee on 20 September 2021 in relation to Scrutiny of Sports and Leisure.]

SCRUTINY OF ENFORCEMENT

(Recommendations from the Committee on 1 November 2021 and response of Cabinet from 17 December 2021)

The Chairman of the Committee seeks approval to comment/request as follows:

“That a brief note be requested on the progress with the discussions that were agreed to in respect of:

- 1. Further measures to protect of trees on land approved for development.*
- 2. The request to ECC to plant trees nearby when removing mature ones*
- 3. Providing more ‘no dog fouling’ signage in conjunction with local Ward Councillors*
- 4. The deployment of covert CCTV*
- 5. The legal responsibility of fast food outlets for discarded food packaging near their outlets*
- 6. Why no FPNs had been issued.*
- 7. The use of social media to share the Council’s resourcing of enforcement through Community Ambassadors etc and their powers to issue FPNs.”*