

Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee

Monday, 16 January 2023

Present:

Councillors J Kirwin (in the Chair)
L Arkley, J Cruddas, D Drummond, J Montague,
A Newman, E Parker-Leonard, M Thirlaway, W Samuel,
J Wallace and M Wilson

In attendance:

Councillors P Earley and J O'Shea
Ms F Burton – Parent Governor Representative
Rev M Vine – Church Representative

Apologies:

Councillors D Cox, M Green, M Hall, Janet Hunter and
S Fallon – Church Representative

OV25/22 Appointment of Chair

The Chair and Deputy Chair were unable to be present.

Agreed that Members of the Committee present elected that Councillor J Kirwin to Chair the meeting.

OV26/22 Appointment of Substitute Members

Pursuant to the council's constitution the appointment of the following substitute members was made:

Councillor J O'Shea for Councillor M Hall
Councillor P Earley for Councillor M Green

OV27/22 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

Councillor Matthew Thirlaway declared non - registerable personal interest in Item 4 – 2023/24 Budget Scrutiny Sub-group report as he has a family member who is employed by is employed by North Tyneside Council.

Councillor Julie Cruddas declared a non-registerable personal interest in Item 4 – Item 4 – 2023/24 Budget Scrutiny Sub-group report. She is a Director of Justice Prince Community Interest Company.

Councillor Willie Samuel declared a non-registerable personal interest in Item 4 – Item 4 – 2023/24 Budget Scrutiny Sub-group report. He has a family member who is employed by North Tyneside Council.

OV28/22 Minutes

Resolved that the minute of the meeting held on 30 November 2022 be agreed.

OV29/22 2023/24 Budget Scrutiny Sub-group report

The Committee received the report of the Budget Sub-group that detailed the scrutiny into the Cabinet's initial 2023/27 Financial Planning and Budget process: Cabinets Initial Budget proposals.

The group met on 1 December 2022, where officers presented the position of the Authority budget, the Initial budget proposals to deliver a balanced budget.

The Director of Resources was in attendance and provided the committee with further information following receipt to the government settlement.

The Committee was informed that there would be a further meeting of the Budget Sub-group, where it would scrutinise the Cabinets Final Budget Proposals and this would take place on the 31 January 2023. The Committee agreed to delegate the sub-group responsibility to make further comment and any recommendations to Cabinet following this meeting.

Two Members of the Committee who were also Members of the Budget Sub-group expressed that the report accurately reflected the discussion of the sub-group. They also thanked all the officers who presented and aided the budget process.

It was **Agreed** that (1) the Budget Sub-Group report detailing comments be referred to Cabinet; (2) delegate responsibility to the Budget Sub-group to make further comment and any recommendations to Cabinet following scrutiny of Cabinets 2023/24 Final Budget Proposals.

OV30/22 Technical Services Partnership - Capita Update

The Committee received update for partnership performance for the first and second quarters of the 2022 – 23 financial year.

The Council monitors performance of the Partnership on a monthly basis and Capita are required to meet a series of important performance milestones for each service they deliver on behalf of the Authority and these are known as Key Performance Indicators ('KPI's).

The KPI's, divided into Category 1 (not linked to the payment mechanism) and Category 2 (linked to the payment mechanism) and each have an explicit target.

Performance scorecards were reported for each of the following service areas:

- Property Services
- Engineering Services
- Regulatory Services

The Committee received a presentation from Partnership Director to the service delivery performance and was attached to the report.

Agreed that the Technical Services Partnership Q1 & Q2 22022-23 report be noted.

OV31/22 Exclusion Resolution

Resolved that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and having applied a public interest test in accordance with Part 2 of Schedule 12A the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

OV32/22 Technical Services Partnership - Financial Information

Agreed that the Financial update 2022-23 Quarter 1 & 2 be noted.