



Report title:

Report to: Council

Date: 20th March 2024

Report of: Councillor O'Neill, Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Public or private: Public

Key Decision: No

1. Report summary

- 1.1 The report provides an update on the activities of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.2 The Committee last met on 31st January and the main focus was on scrutinising budget proposals prior to them being considered by Cabinet for recommendation to Budget Council.

The Committee received a presentation on the budget which covered the following reports:

- Local Government Act 2003 Requirement 2024/25;
 - Budget Report and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2024/25 to 2026/27;
 - Capital Investment and Disposal Strategy for 2024/25;
 - Discretionary Fees and Charges 2024/25;
 - Treasury Management Strategy 2024/25;
- 1.3 The Committee made a recommendation to Cabinet to request that Directors reconsider the proposed discretionary fees and charges above the general 5% increase.

- 1.4 The Committee also received reports providing updates on Corporate Complaints for Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 and also Performance Update Report for Corporate Services and Neighbourhoods (Corporate Support) which showed progress towards the achievement of targets contained in the Directorate Plans for 2023-2024.
- 1.5 The Committee also keeps an overview of the Work Programme at each meeting and receives minutes of the GMCA Scrutiny Committee for information.
- 1.6 Items scheduled for the next meeting of the Committee on 27th March 2024:

March 2024		
Work Programme	To note the Committee's Work Programme	
Call-in/Member items/other referrals		
Finance Update – Q3	Financial scrutiny	
Property Investment Risk Update – 2023/24	Financial scrutiny	
Contact Centre Presentation	Performance monitoring and management	
Draft Recruitment and Retention Strategy	Policy Development	
GMCA Scrutiny Committee	Minutes for information	

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Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee