



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Scrutiny Performance Panel - Service Improvement, Regeneration and Finance**

Multi-Location Meeting - Gloucester Room, Guildhall / MS Teams

Tuesday, 26 September 2023 at 10.00 am

Present: Councillor C A Holley (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

E W Fitzgerald
D H Jenkins
J W Jones
T M White

Councillor(s)

P R Hood-Williams
M Jones
W G Thomas

Councillor(s)

L James
S M Jones
M S Tribe

Cabinet Member(s)

Cllr Rob Stewart
Cllr David Hopkins

Cabinet Member for Economy Finance and Strategy
Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Performance

Officer(s)

Ben Smith
Richard Rowlands
Rachel Percival

Director of Finance / Section 151 Officer
Strategic Delivery & Performance Manager
Scrutiny Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): P M Black and B J Rowlands

13 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

There were no disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

14 Prohibition of Whipped Votes and Declaration of Party Whips

None.

15 Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

16 Public Questions

There were no public questions received.

17 Capital Outturn and Financing 2022/23

Cllr Rob Stewart Cabinet Member for Economy, Finance and Strategy and Ben Smith the Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer attended to give an overview.

- This report gives the capital outturn position as at 31 March 2023 reporting a net underspend of £28.8m. Cabinet approved the underspend be carried over into 2023/24 at their September meeting.
- Since March several large-scale schemes have added to the programme due to material overspending or reprofiling. The first quarter budget report of 2023/24 due to Cabinet in October will reference a capital programme for the current year in excess of £150 million. This has been complicated by some significant cost overruns, which has affected many Councils.
- The carried over underspend has been earning the Council over 5% interest in the short term but will eventually be spent where allocated.
- Where possible fixed price contracts with developers are secured and the Council are confident the capital programme remains afforded and affordable within the overall policy.

18 Quarter 1 2023/24 Performance Monitoring Report

Cllr David Hopkins Cabinet Member for Corporate Services and Performance and Richard Rowlands Corporate Performance Manager presented the report.

- At the end of the first quarter there were 19 Indicators that met or bettered their targets, 3 indicators were within 5% of the target and 6 indicators that missed their targets. An additional 5 indicators had no target in this quarter.
- Sickness levels have improved however are still high in some departments which is still being closely monitored.
- This year a new suite of measures relating to Nature Recovery and Climate Change have been added. Work is still ongoing in this area to identify measures that are robust, clearly defined and can be confidently reported.

19 Work Plan

The work plan was discussed including potential development sites to review during the year.

The meeting ended at 11.00 am

Chair