

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 27 NOVEMBER 2017

FINANCE TASK GROUP UPDATES

Summary

The Task Group met on 19 September.

The Group reviewed an early draft of the Investment Programme which was being prepared for the Executive meeting in November. The Investment Programme had been updated for proposed slippage of spend from 2016/17 and for new projects approved since February. The group considered the document in detail and discussed the flooding schemes, opportunity purchases, Wolsey Place and Brookwood Cemetery budgets amongst other projects.

The Finance Director updated the group on the audit of the Statement of Accounts for 2016/17 and the recommendations raised by the auditors. The audit report would be considered by the Standards and Audit Committee and by Council in approving the accounts at the end of September.

The Group received a briefing on the budget process for 2018/19, the ongoing work and some of the likely budgetary pressures. The government invitation for authorities to become a 100% Business Rates pilot in 2018/19 was discussed. It was noted that a draft bid was being prepared by the Surrey authorities and would be considered by the Executive in October.

The performance for the year to July, as reported in the Green Book, was noted.

The next meeting was on Thursday 16 November.

Recommendations

The Committee is requested to

RESOLVE That the update be noted.

Background Papers:

None

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REPORT ENDS

Equality Impact Assessment

The purpose of this assessment is to improve the work of the Council by making sure that it does not discriminate against any individual or group and that, where possible, it promotes equality. The Council has a legal duty to comply with equalities legislation and this template enables you to consider the impact (positive or negative) a strategy, policy, project or service may have upon the protected groups.

		Positive impact?			Negative impact?	No specific impact	What will the impact be? If the impact is negative how can it be mitigated? (action) THIS SECTION NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED AS EVIDENCE OF WHAT THE POSITIVE IMPACT IS OR WHAT ACTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN TO MITIGATE ANY NEGATIVE IMPACTS
		Eliminate discrimination	Advance equality	Good relations			
Gender	Men						
	Women						
Gender Reassignment							
Race	White						
	Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups						
	Asian/Asian British						
	Black/African/Caribbean/Black British						
	Gypsies / travellers						
	Other ethnic group						

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		Eliminate discrimination	Advance equality	Good relations			
Disability	Physical						
	Sensory						
	Learning Difficulties						
	Mental Health						
Sexual Orientation	Lesbian, gay men, bisexual						
Age	Older people (50+)						
	Younger people (16 - 25)						
Religion or Belief	Faith Groups						
Pregnancy & maternity							
Marriage & Civil Partnership							
Socio-economic Background							

The purpose of the Equality Impact Assessment is to improve the work of the Council by making sure it does not discriminate against any individual or group and that, where possible, it promotes equality. The assessment is quick and straightforward to undertake but it is an important step to make sure that individuals and teams think carefully about the likely impact of their work on people in Woking and take action to improve strategies, policies, services and projects, where appropriate. Further details and guidance on completing the form are [available](#).

Sustainability Impact Assessment

Officers preparing a committee report are required to complete a Sustainability Impact Assessment. Sustainability is one of the Council's 'cross-cutting themes' and the Council has made a corporate commitment to address the social, economic and environmental effects of activities across Business Units. The purpose of this Impact Assessment is to record any positive or negative impacts this decision, project or programme is likely to have on each of the Council's Sustainability Themes. For assistance with completing the Impact Assessment, please refer to the instructions below. Further details and guidance on completing the form are [available](#).

Theme (Potential impacts of the project)	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	No specific impact	What will the impact be? If the impact is negative, how can it be mitigated? (action)
Use of energy, water, minerals and materials				
Waste generation / sustainable waste management				
Pollution to air, land and water				
Factors that contribute to Climate Change				
Protection of and access to the natural environment				
Travel choices that do not rely on the car				
A strong, diverse and sustainable local economy				
Meet local needs locally				
Opportunities for education and information				
Provision of appropriate and sustainable housing				
Personal safety and reduced fear of crime				
Equality in health and good health				
Access to cultural and leisure facilities				
Social inclusion / engage and consult communities				
Equal opportunities for the whole community				
Contribute to Woking's pride of place				