

**Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
**20 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Present: Councillors: Tony Bevis (Chairman), Brian Donnelly (Vice-Chairman), Matthew Allen, Jonathan Chowen, Frances Haigh, Nigel Jupp, Bob Platt, Josh Potts, Jack Saheid, Jim Sanson and Ian Stannard

Apologies: Councillors: Martin Boffey, Billy Greening, Tim Lloyd and James Wright

Also Present: Councillor: Louise Potter

SO/26 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 July were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

SO/27 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

SO/28 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

SO/29 **REPORT ON THE COUNCIL'S FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE IN 2021/22**

The Director of Corporate Resources presented the report on the Council's finance and performance in 2021/22.

Officers had forecasted an operational surplus largely due to an underspend on leisure facilities with performance and activities being ahead of Place's Leisure budget estimate. The remainder of the surplus was comprised mostly of other underspends and investment income.

The impact of Covid-19 had continued to subdue some capital expenditure.

There were four key performance indicators off target, relating to the impact of Covid-19. Work was being undertaken to make improvements in those areas that had not met targets.

Eight actions had been completed on the Corporate Plan and five had been postponed due to Covid-19. Sixty five other actions were still progressing.

Members requested that the full list of key performance indicators be circulated following the meeting.

Members agreed to query why 'Prepare planning guidance to ensure car parking spaces in new developments etc.' on the corporate plan was marked as completed as they thought there would still be more work to do.

Members noted the contents of the report.

SO/30 **WORK PROGRAMME**

Members agreed to invite the relevant Cabinet Member to the next meeting to discuss the Council's affordable housing company and to invite the Council's South Downs National Park representative to discuss the impact of the South Downs National Park on Horsham District and, in particular, that part of the District which falls within the Park

SO/31 **UPDATE FROM TASK & FINISH GROUPS**

The Chairman confirmed that he would schedule the first meeting for the Urban Greening Task & Finish Group in the coming weeks.

The Committee received a summary of the work carried out by the Sustainable Travel Task & Finish Group so far.

SO/32 **CABINET FORWARD PLAN**

The forward plan was noted by the Committee.

SO/33 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

*The meeting closed at 6.59 pm having commenced at 5.30 pm*

**CHAIRMAN**