

Summary of feedback from the Advisory Committees

Appendix F provides a summary of the feedback from the Advisory Committees from the interactive sessions held at each of their meetings.

This addendum provides a summary of responses from the Finance Advisory Committee whose meeting was held after the deadline for papers to be submitted to Cabinet. With the agreement of the Chairman and Members of the Policy & Performance Advisory Committee the interactive session was not held as Members had provided their suggestions at other committees that they had attended.

Members should note that this appendix is provided as information for Cabinet arising from the discussions held at the Advisory Committees. The recommendations arising from those meetings are provided elsewhere within the Agenda.

Question a: What services might the Council want to consider investing more in?

Members of the Finance Advisory Committee provided feedback on services that were both within the remit of their committee and on services overseen by other committees.

Members commented that their priorities for investment are in relation to asset maintenance, partnership working, leisure and supporting the older population (particularly in rural areas across the District).

Question b: Where could the Council make savings to enable investment in other service?

Members were asked to consider those services, either within the remit of the Finance Advisory Committee or elsewhere that the Council may be able to disinvest to enable investment in other areas.

There is some contradiction with (other) Members suggesting that leisure is an area which could be considered for savings. Members also suggested savings could be drawn from expenditure on sites for the Districts gypsy and traveller community and the bus station.

A suggestion that was not service specific was to move Council offices.

Question c: What services work well?

Members were asked to consider those services, either within the remit of the Advisory Committee or elsewhere, that perform well.

As with almost all of the Advisory Committee meetings the Council's refuse collection service was said to perform well. Within the Finance area Members commented that local tax and treasury management were performing well as well as partnerships in financial services.

The Print Studio was also commended by Members.

Question d: What services would Members like to see make further improvement?

Members were asked to consider those services, either within the remit of the Advisory Committee or elsewhere, which could seek to make improvements in their performance.

Feedback from Members that did not relate to a specific service was (less) use of paper.

Members also consider that the Council could seek to improve the collection of sundry debt and leisure services.

Question e: What would Members like Cabinet to take into account?

Finance Advisory Committee

- ▶ More detailed financial reporting and engagement

In relation to responsibilities of other Advisory Committees the following feedback was given:

- Review of leisure service provider
- Wider commercial opportunities
- Aim to provide more services to partners or third parties