

Performance and Governance Committee - 18 September 2012

The Committee received the Statement of Accounts for 2011/12 and the outcome of the external audit which were presented by representatives from the Audit Commission. Taking account of the changes recommended by the Finance Advisory Group and some points of explanation identified by the Committee the Statement of Accounts for 2011/12 were approved.

The Committee noted the response from the Services Select Committee meeting on 19 June 2012 on the number of working days lost through long term sickness and received the minutes of the Finance Advisory Group meeting held on 13 June 2012. Members also agreed a future Work Plan for 2012/13.

A report was received providing the Committee with a summary of Council performance and through exceptions report all details of "Red" performance indicators for the period ended July 2012. It was agreed that the Community Safety Partnership Target be referred back to the Social Affairs Select Committee to consider if a more appropriate target, that better measured this Council's contribution to the Partnership, could be identified.

A report on the financial prospects and budget strategy for 2013/14 and beyond which had already been considered by Cabinet was endorsed. Officers were requested to carry out a further review and update once the government grant settlement has been finalised. The budget setting timetable for 2013/14 was noted.

The Committee undertook an annual review and revision of the its terms of reference and recommended to Full Council that the revised terms of reference be adopted. The progress made by the internal audit team in delivering the 2012/13 Annual Internal Audit Plan was noted. The progress made against the Asset Management Plan and further improvements to be undertaken were noted and the Committee made a recommendation to Cabinet that capital reserves be used to provide office accommodation for Moat Housing and Kent County Council within the Argyle Road offices.

The budget monitoring financial position for July 2012 was received and the overall favourable variance for the first four months noted. The Annual Treasury management Report for 2011/12 was commended to Cabinet.

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20 September 2012