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## **Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee**

A meeting of the Committee will be held at **10.30 am** on **Wednesday, 24 January 2024** at **County Hall, Chichester, PO19 1RQ**.

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### **Agenda**

10.30 am    1.    **Declarations of Interest**

Members and officers must declare any pecuniary or personal interest in any business on the agenda. They should also make declarations at any stage such an interest becomes apparent during the meeting. Consideration should be given to leaving the meeting if the nature of the interest warrants it. If in doubt please contact Democratic Services before the meeting.

2.    **Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee** (Pages 5 - 14)

The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2023 (cream paper).

3.    **Urgent Matters**

Items not on the agenda which the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances, including cases where the Committee needs to be informed of budgetary or performance issues affecting matters within its terms of reference, which have emerged since the publication of the agenda.

4. **Responses to Recommendations** (Pages 15 - 22)

The Committee is asked to note the responses to recommendations made at previous meetings of the Committee.

10.35 am 5. **Council Plan and Draft Budget 2024/25** (Pages 23 - 26)

The draft budget for 2024/25 is presented to the Committee for preview and endorsement ahead of agreement and approval of the Budget at Cabinet on 30 January 2024 and County Council on 16 February 2024.

The Committee should consider the detail included within the enclosed pack and presented by the Director of Finance and Support Services in order to agree any comments or issues it wishes the Cabinet to take into account when it considers the Council Plan and draft Revenue Budget 2024/25, draft Capital Strategy 2024/25 to 2028/29 and draft Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2024/25.

1.05 pm 6. **Requests for Call-in**

There have been no requests for call-in to the scrutiny committee within its constitutional remit since the date of the last meeting. The Director of Law and Assurance will report any requests since the publication of the agenda papers.

7. **Work Programme Planning and possible items for future scrutiny** (Pages 27 - 38)

The Committee is asked to review its current draft work programme taking into account the scrutiny checklist (Appendix A) and highlight any further possible items for future scrutiny.

If any member puts forward such an item, the Committee's role at this meeting is to assess, briefly, whether to refer the matter to its Business Planning Group to consider in detail.

The Committee is also asked to review the Forward Plan of Key Decisions (Appendix B) and consider whether it wishes to enquire about any of the forthcoming decisions within its portfolio.

1.10 pm      8.      **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be at 10.30am on 8 March 2024 at County Hall, Chichester. Probable agenda items include: -

- Quarterly Performance and Resources Report (PRR)
- IT and Digitisation Strategy
- Social Value and Procurement Strategy

Any member wishing to place an item on the agenda for the meeting must notify the Director of Law and Assurance by 22 February 2024.

**To all members of the Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee**

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