

## Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee Work Programme to March 2024

Topic	Type of scrutiny	Timing
<p><b>Quarterly Performance and Resources Report (PRR)</b></p> <p>Performance, risk and budget monitoring: ongoing strategic monitoring of performance, finance, workforce, risk, transformation programme and capital programme.</p>	Performance	Quarter 3 March 2024
<p><b>Social Value and Procurement Strategy</b></p> <p>Report to cover a review of the revised Social Value Charter and new procurement strategy to ensure they meet the needs and objectives in the Council Plan, how the Charter and strategy are being applied and what has been achieved since the original Charter was developed. Item to include any changes as a result of the Procurement Act update and processes/arrangements in place to ensure effective and efficient procurement is in place.</p> <p>Focus for scrutiny to be agreed.</p>	Policy	March 2024
<p><b>TBC Smartcore</b></p> <p>Key decision preview of the Business Case in relation to the Smartcore Programme, expected Spring 2024.</p> <p>Focus for scrutiny to be agreed</p>	Key decision preview	March 2024 (TBC)
<p><b>IT and Digitisation Strategy</b></p> <p>Scrutiny of the Digitisation Strategy and the updated IT Policy and the changes required as a result of the changing way the Council operates and how IT will support this. Committee to provide input to the changing Policy. To include implications of digital economy and e-commerce for the Council.</p> <p>Focus for Scrutiny to be agreed: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the new Strategy and up-dated policy addresses the changing requirements of the Council's workforce and customers</li> </ul>	Policy/Decision Preview	June 2024

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the new Digital Infrastructure Strategy and IT Policy are joined up to ensure a co-ordinated approach</li> <li>• That the aims and objectives of the proposals are clear and that they meet the needs of the Council Plan to ensure the priorities and targets of the County Council can be met and that there are no unintended consequences in relation to the services offered to clients/customers,</li> <li>• That the proposals are flexible enough to meet the changing needs and work practices of the County Council,</li> <li>• That any significant risks to service provision have been identified and assurance sought on the effectiveness of actions planned to manage these</li> <li>• That the requirements of e-commerce and the digital economy have been considered in the way the Council operates and develops in future</li> <li>• That there is a staff engagement and communication plan to ensure officers are aware of the changes and any implications on the way they currently work</li> </ul>		
<b>Business Planning Group (BPG)</b>		
<b>Committee and BPG to monitor PRR</b> in relation to Capital Programme, VFM, workforce (including recruitment and retention), cyber security, Economy Plan, savings, change programmes and climate change to identify any issues arising for future scrutiny.	Performance	TBC
<b>Smartcore</b> – next stages of the programme to be scrutinised at the appropriate time, up-date at next BPG in February 2024.	Key decision preview	TBC March 2024
<b>Property Joint Venture</b> – progress of the Joint Venture to be scrutinised at the appropriate time.	Performance	TBC
<b>Income levels and Grant funding</b>  BPG to determine whether scrutiny is required and how this may be carried out in relation to how we manage income levels and additional funding to	Budget	TBC

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bridge any budget challenges. Item, if agreed, to include consideration of benchmarking/comparative data.		

**Appendix A** – Checklist