

Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee

11 March 2022

Response to Recommendations

Resolutions agreed - Response from Cabinet Member for Finance and Property to feedback to 11th March committee	
Committee recognised the financial pressures to be faced in future years and supported any savings proposals and budget implications being brought to scrutiny committees and Member Briefings as early as possible to enable Member input.	The Cabinet Member is happy to assure the Committee that the 2023/24 budget timetable is currently being finalised. He can also assure the committee that enough time will be allowed for both member briefings and scrutiny committees to receive briefings on any savings proposals in order to support full Member input.
Supported the continued lobbying of Government to ensure the needs of residents can continue to be met in future budgets in order to match service demand and supply. Also supported lobbying in terms of longer term funding settlements in future to enable long term planning to take place.	The Cabinet Member notes the support of the Committee for the lobbying of Government for funding to support the needs of West Sussex residents. This is an ongoing activity with the Leader raising issues for discussion at County Council Network meetings and at meetings with individual MPs. The Leader and/or Cabinet are also in regular correspondence with Government on specific issues.
Welcomed the opportunity to continually monitor the performance and financial position of the Council on a quarterly basis through review of the Performance and Resources report by the scrutiny committees in 2022/23.	The Cabinet Member is pleased to note that the recent decision to submit Quarterly Performance and Resource Reports to each of the Scrutiny Committees has been well received. It was felt this would enable each Committee to focus more closely on its particular service area and it is intended that this will continue for the future.