



Audit Committee

30 September 2016

Finance Scrutiny Panel

Purpose of Report: Progress report

The Panel has met twice in the period since the last Audit Committee.

Consideration has been given to the emerging Resource Plan which will give a high level view of all transformation activity and the resources required to deliver those aspirations. It is hoped that it will eventually drive the work programmes for Cabinet, Management Team and Scrutiny. The Plan is being welcomed by service areas but is still a work in progress. Over 140 projects have currently been fed into the Plan.

Concerns have been raised regarding the potential overspend at year end, as highlighted in the most recent Financial Overview and Forecast report as at the end of June 2016. This is of such significant concern that the Cabinet have asked the Management Team to prepare a recovery plan which will be subject to scrutiny by the Panel. Joint Chairs Steering Group have established a joint Scrutiny Group comprising Members of the Audit Committee and Adult Social Care Working Group of the People Scrutiny Committee to review the overspends in the Adult Social Care service.

Regular briefings are being prepared regarding Brexit and these have been considered at both meetings of the Panel. The Capital Strategy has also been considered and the Panel intends to undertake further work on the return on capital assets as time allows.

The Panel is to undertake a self-assessment and an additional meeting has been convened to address this in early October.

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Sources: Notes of meetings – 25 July and 20 September 2016

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