

Committee: Finance Committee	Date: 12 December 2017
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Summary

On 19 July 2016, the Finance Committee agreed that, in addition to draft minutes of Sub-Committee meetings, short reports be provided to advise the Committee of the main issues considered by the Sub-Committees at recent meetings. This report sets out some of the main public issues considered by the following Sub Committees since 15 November 2017:

Efficiency & Performance Sub Committee Meeting – 15 November 2017

Corporate & Departmental Business Planning

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Town Clerk on Corporate and Departmental Business Planning. The following points were made.

Officers confirmed that the Corporate Plan and departmental business plans would be aligned. Members would see this in forthcoming committee meetings in the run-up to Christmas. The Chairman stressed that it was important for officers to highlight and communicate to Members what had changed in departmental high-level business plans.

Members were eager to view this as an opportunity to encourage greater collaboration and participation. The Sub-Committee should be enabling people and resources across the Corporation to come together. To generate momentum, it was important to focus on 5 or 6 strategic outcomes that the City wishes to promote, and for officers and Members to work at pace. Once the outcomes were agreed, the “hows” should be devolved, with officers working within a framework providing both accountability, and the flexibility to adjust course if things don't run as anticipated. Bureaucracy should be avoided wherever possible.

Finance Grants Oversight and Performance Sub Committee Meeting – 21 November 2017

Verbal Update

Corporate Asset Sub Committee Meeting – 22 November 2017

Energy Temperature Policy & Sub-Metering Update

Members received a Report of the City Surveyor on the temperature policy and sub-metering. The following points were made.

A Member queried the reasoning behind the target temperature of 21C, asking whether officers had considered a lower target, officers responded that this was a widely held guideline across the industry.

Officers reassured Members that further consultation at local levels would be carried out to ensure implementation, and confirmed that the policy would apply across all major operational buildings.

In terms of the sub-metering study, officers would return in February 2018 with the Gateway 2 report before it goes to Projects Sub Committee.

Information Technology Sub Committee Meeting – 24 November 2017

Broadband Roll Out Update

Members received a Report of the Chamberlain related to the rollout of wired and wireless connectivity across the City.

After a query from a Member, officers confirmed the roll out of fibre to the premises will include all commercial and residential buildings in the City.

Members were keen to see officers utilizing all channels in communicating to residents and businesses the changes taking place, as the majority freeholder, the City is in an ideal position to ensure residents on the major housing estates are kept informed. A Member suggested that an article in the Ward Newsletters should be explored. Officers confirmed that the City has communicated the project via online channels but it was important to keep up the drum beat next year.

A Member queried whether the FTTP rollout would include the older tall residential buildings, in response officers confirmed that these would not pose a problem, and that a fully comprehensive rollout was anticipated.

A Member requested we explore whether we could make provisions for the data sets to be included in the contracts (this hadn't been the case previously). Officers would come back to Members in due course.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note the report.

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