
OVERVIEW OF EFFICIENCY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1. Since the last meeting of the Council, the following are the main areas of work the Efficiency and Resources Scrutiny Committee has undertaken.

Section 106 Agreements

2. We have received an update position in relation to the obligations contracted under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act in relation to developments within the Borough.
3. Section 106 Agreements are private legal agreements between the local authority and the land owner which can be attached to a planning permission to make acceptable development which would otherwise be unacceptable in planning terms.
4. The information provided gave us the position in relation to the 37 Section 106 Agreements which had been in place since 2005 within the Borough, the total value of which had been in excess of £13 million over the period, with £6,217,705 relating to live permissions or agreements and £881,650 associated with development which was not now proceeding.
5. In relation to the 18 live permissions and agreements, we were advised that the Council had received £2,696,279 to carry out necessary works or services and that, should all the live permissions proceed, there would be in excess of a further £3.5 million to be received. This money is ring-fenced and Section 106 agreements must be directly relevant to the proposed related development, they cannot be used to correct existing deficiencies in Council finances related to infrastructure or services.
6. We discussed the process involved in agreeing Section 106 Agreements and some examples of how monies could be used, particularly in relation to sustainable transport and we have requested Officers to submit a further report on this.

Medium-Term Financial Plan 2016/17 to 2019/20

7. Members will be aware of the work that all Scrutiny Committees have undertaken in relation to the Medium-Term Financial Plan 2016/17 to 2019/20 and, following Council's decision on 29 June 2016, we will be continuing to monitor the impact of those decisions.
8. As part of the work we undertook in looking at the proposals in relation to those areas within our remit, we also established a task and finish review to look into the

Senior Management structure within the Authority and were satisfied with the findings of that Group.

9. We also established a task and finish review group to look at the political governance arrangements within the Authority and we were satisfied with the findings of that group at that point, however, we have agreed to revisit this over the course of the next twelve months.

Work Programme

10. As mentioned above, our work programme over the next Municipal Year will be monitoring the impact and the required savings as part of the Medium-Term Financial Plan. We would also like to look at the Housing Revenue Account.

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