
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.

Performance Indicators Q2 – 2017/18

2. We have received Quarter 2 performance information against the identified key performance indicators.
3. The four indicators which have a quarterly target are all exceeding that target and for those which don't have a quarterly target, three achieved performance better than quarter 2 last year and two showed slightly worse performance.
4. We particularly discussed the performance around the percentage of in-year Council Tax collections which was currently on course to meet the year-end target, with Council Tax collected being 5.6 per cent higher than the same period last year, together with the legal processes around the collection and write-off process once all other avenues had been explored; the percentage of business rates collected in year and the process and current position in relation to valuation appeals in relation to non-domestic rates.
5. In relation to the contracted spend we were advised of a system error with pro spend, which is used to draw down the data. The Procurement Team have been working to resolve this problem. Although up-to-date information was not available at quarter 2 due to the system error, the percentage of contracted spend as a percentage of non-salary is estimated to be above 80 per cent.

Medium Term Financial Plan

6. We have held a couple of special meetings to consider Cabinet's proposals in relation to the Medium-Term Financial Plan.
7. All Scrutiny Committees have had the opportunity to consider the proposals, mainly in relation to the Futures Fund, and we held a further meeting this morning to co-ordinate a response on behalf of all Scrutiny Committees to Cabinet. I will update Council verbally on the outcome of this meeting.

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