



# **Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee**

Date: Thursday, 10 November 2022

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Antechamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

**There will be a private meeting for Committee Members only at 9:30am in Room 2006, 2nd Floor, Town Hall Extension**

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## **Membership of the Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee**

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**Councillors** - Shilton Godwin (Chair), Doswell, Holt, Hughes, Ilyas, Jeavons, Lyons, Chohan, Nunney, Razaq and Wright

## Agenda

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**1. Urgent Business**

To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.

**2. Appeals**

To consider any appeals from the public against refusal to allow inspection of background documents and/or the inclusion of items in the confidential part of the agenda.

**3. Interests**

To allow Members an opportunity to declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest they might have in any items which appear on this agenda; and [b] record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax/Council rent arrears. Members with a personal interest should declare that interest at the start of the item under consideration. If members also have a prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest they must withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item.

**4. Minutes**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2022.

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**5. Revenue Budget Update - Cover Report**

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer

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This report sets out the financial challenge facing the Council, the latest forecast position, and the next steps. The Council is forecasting an estimated budget shortfall of £44m in 2023/24, £85m in 2024/25, and £112m by 2025/26. After the use of c£16m smoothing reserves in each of the three years, this gap reduces to £28m in 2023/24, £69m in 2024/25 and £96m by 2025/26.

This report sets out the high-level position. Officers have identified potential savings options to reduce the budget gap totalling £42.3m over three years.

Even after these proposals there remains a budget gap of £7m to close to get to a balanced budget in 2023/24 and further savings options will be developed between now and January 2023 and be reported back to Scrutiny committees in February. Each scrutiny committee is invited to consider the current proposed changes which are within its remit and to make recommendations to the Executive before it agrees to the final budget proposals in February 2023.

**6. Neighbourhood Directorate 2023/24 Budget** 21 - 44  
Report of the Strategic Director Neighbourhood Services

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This report sets out the priorities for the services in the remit of this committee and details the initial revenue budget changes proposed by officers.

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**7. Embedding a Zero-Carbon Workforce Culture** 45 - 62  
Report of Human Resources, Organisational Development and Transformation

This report provides information on the progress being made towards embedding a zero-carbon culture within the Council (as part of the Carbon Literacy journey).

**8. Update on the Role of Neighbourhood Teams in Developing Local Climate Change Activity and Partnership Working** 63 - 82  
Report of the Strategic Director (Neighbourhoods)

The report provides updated information on how the Neighbourhood Teams and Climate Change Neighbourhood Officers are supporting local communities to engage in local climate change activity and reduce their carbon footprint. This report includes an update on ward level Climate Change Action Plans and an update on the In Our Nature programme pilot schemes and future delivery of the programme.

**9. Overview Report** 83 - 92  
Report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit

This is a monthly report, which includes the recommendations monitor, relevant key decisions, the Committee's work programme and any items for information.

## Information about the Committee

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The Environment and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee areas of interest include The Climate Change Strategy, Waste, Carbon Emissions, Neighbourhood Working, Flood Management, Planning policy and related enforcement and Parks and Green Spaces.

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