

**Summary of Comments made on the Cabinet Agenda for
Wednesday 20 September 2023**

4 Policy & Budgetary Framework Procedure Rules

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee held a good discussion on a draft Corporate Strategy for this Council.

The Committee considered that the Corporate Strategy report (in its draft stage) was difficult to scrutinise as a "Strategy" document because the document did not have either the structure or framework to understand the direction the Council wished to take, and whether the areas of focus listed in the report would help to achieve that. It made the following points that it wished Cabinet to bring more detail to in the Corporate Strategy:

1. The Committee encouraged Cabinet to "be brave" in setting out what it wished to achieve, particularly around climate ambitions.
2. There was a need for "smart objectives" showing what the Council intended to do, building on what it had already achieved in respect to its aims and there should be an indication of a timeframe.
3. The strategy should focus more on people and the different segments of people living or coming into the District such as new communities, visitors to the District, people who work here. It should seek to be "People first".
4. A more wholistic view on finances should be taken, not just the profit and loss but also the balance sheet.

The Committee suggested that how the Council intended to support new communities, local enterprise and town centre regeneration should be added to the Strategy.

Parish Councils should be added to the list of consultees.

10 Kenilworth Wardens

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee held a good discussion on the project reflecting on the fact that it had taken a considerable amount of time to reach this stage and noting the complexity of the project.

Recommendation

The Committee recommended that as well as reviewing the financial case, that a best practice audit of governance of the club including confidence in the continuity of its management be carried out by officers. This should include how it plans to engage new communities and new members into the club to ensure its continued running.

The Cabinet is required to vote on this because it forms a recommendation to it.

Urgent Item

Earmarked Reserves 2023/24

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee remarked on the late publication of the report which did not provide adequate time for proper scrutiny. The Committee would have preferred more time to undertake better scrutiny.