

FINANCE & AUDIT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 MARCH 2014

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS MADE ON THE EXECUTIVE AGENDA FOR 12 MARCH 2014

4. Treasury Management Strategy Plan for 2014/2015

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

5. Housing Strategy 2014-17 Delivery Plan

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee welcomed the report and commend it to the Executive.

6. Hackney Carriage Fare Increase - Request from Drivers

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommend that the Executive delays any decision in respect of fare increases pending a complete review of the taxi drivers' code of conduct to improve standards of service and vehicles.

The Executive are required to vote on this because it forms a recommendation to them.

7. Corporate Property Repairs & Improvements Programme 2014/15

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee recognised that the Council was moving to a more strategic approach to how it managed its portfolio and supported the recommendations in the report.

8. Rural / Urban Capital Improvement Scheme Criteria

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

9b. **Discretionary Rate Relief**

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee discussed this item in some depth and was concerned that the Government had yet to confirm whether it would meet the costs of this relief. In addition, there was no legislation covering this to date. Members discussed the possibility of recommending to the Executive that it did not implement these temporary measures. However, in order to try to give business some incentive to locate to the District, the Committee agreed on the following recommendation to be put to the Executive.

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee recommends to the Executive that if you are minded to adopt the reliefs, you only pursue Option B as detailed under paragraph 8.4. of the report.

The Executive are required to vote on this because it forms a recommendation to them.

9c. Historic Buildings Grant Application Funding 2014/15

The Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

The Scrutiny Committees also commented on confidential items 11, 12 and 13, detailed in a separate confidential document.