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Name and date of Committee	<b>FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2019</b>
Report Number	<b>AGENDA ITEM No. 5</b>
Subject	<b>MAIN POINTS FROM THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE AND FOLLOW UP ACTION</b>
Wards affected	All
Accountable member	Cllr Derek Cotterill Chairman Finance and Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee Email: <a href="mailto:derek.cotterill@westoxon.gov.uk">derek.cotterill@westoxon.gov.uk</a>
Accountable officer	Not applicable
Summary/Purpose	To consider the main points arising from the meeting held on 2 October 2019 and to update the Committee on the follow-up action which has been taken.
Annexes	None
Recommendation	That the report be noted.
Corporate priorities	To advise the Committee of the follow-up action taken since the last meeting in support of the Council's priorities to protect the environment whilst supporting the local economy, to meet the current and future needs of residents and to provide efficient and value for money services, whilst delivering quality front line services.
Key Decision	No
Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	None

## **I. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1. At the meeting of the Committee held on 2 October, 2019, consideration was given to eight substantive items of business.

### **Treasury Management Activity and Performance**

- 1.2. The Council's external financial advisors attended the meeting and provided a comprehensive update of the Council's investments. Members supported the opportunity to invest £1m in the Fundamentum Social Housing Real Estate Investment Trust with the Chief Finance Officer, in conjunction with the Council's Treasury Management advisors, determining the timing of any investments either in the initial offering or secondary market.

### **Main Points of the Last Meeting**

- 1.3. The Committee noted the report of the Chairman, which gave details of the main points arising from its meeting held on 17 July, 2019.

### **Committee Work Programme**

- 1.4. The Committee considered an update report on its approved Work Programme for 2019/2020.

### **Cabinet Work Programme**

- 1.5. The Committee noted the contents of the full Cabinet Work Programme published on 17 September 2019.

### **Publica Update**

- 1.6. The Committee received an update on the progress of the Council's service delivery company Publica after the end of the financial year, together with an update on the transformation programme.

### **LGA Corporate Peer Challenge Action Plan – Progress Report**

- 1.7. Members noted the progress made against defined action within the Corporate Peer Challenge Action Plan,

### **Draft Council Plan 2019-2023**

- 1.8. The Committee gave consideration to the draft Council Plan for 2019-2023. Comments received from Members were considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 16 October when it was resolved that further consideration of the draft Plan be deferred to the January meeting to enable the comments made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to be taken into account and incorporated into a revised, more developed, version.

### **Service Performance 2019/2020 – Quarter I**

- 1.9. The Committee noted the report of the Group Manager, Strategic Support which provided information on the Council's service performance at the end of Quarter I of 2019/2020.

### **Members' Questions**

- 1.10. In response to a question from Councillor Cooper, Officers agreed to investigate why the Building Control service consistently failed to achieve targets.

## **2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 2.1. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

**3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1. None

**4. RISK ASSESSMENT**

4.1. Not applicable

**5. CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

5.1. Whilst there may be climate change implications arising from specific items, there are none arising directly from this report.

**6. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS**

6.1. Not applicable, the report is submitted for information only.

**7. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1. None