

**HOUSING, PLANNING AND REGENERATION, AND REGULATORY SERVICES  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
3RD SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Supplementary Report of the Head of Strategic Support**

ITEM 6     SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Supplementary Report

To submit an additional “action requested” for consideration by the Committee as part of this report.

Additional Action Requested

3. To consider the following comment of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 25th June 2019:

*“that the Housing, Planning and Regeneration, and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee be informed of this Committee’s concern as to whether the new planning service structure is enabling the service to progress in the right direction”.*

Reason

3. To enable the Committee to consider the comment and to decide whether it wishes to undertake any scrutiny or take any other action in respect of the matter. The matter was of concern to the Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee, but not a matter within its remit.

Background

At its meeting on 25th June 2019, the Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee considered a Cabinet report of the Head of Finance and Property Services setting out the revenue outturn position of the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2018/19.

In doing so, the Committee expressed concern regarding the large overspend in the planning service, in particular given the changes that had been agreed to the service structure and its financing and advice that there would be income from major applications that had not then been received (although reference was made to that income still being expected, just not realised for 2018/19).

Given the above concern, the Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee resolved to seek a reassurance that the new planning service structure and its financing were sufficient given the large overspend by the service in 2018/19, but also to inform this Committee of the concern outlined in the action requested above.

Background Papers: Cabinet Report 4th July 2019 – Revenue Outturn 2018/19  
Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee Minutes 25th June 2019

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