

TERMS OF REFERENCE - STANDING PANEL

Title: Finance and Performance Management

Status: Standing Panel

Terms of Reference:

Performance Management

1. To review relevant Key Performance Indicator (KPI) outturn results for the previous year, at the commencement of each municipal year;
2. To identify on an annual basis, subject to the concurrence of the Finance and Performance Management Cabinet Committee:
 - (a) a basket of KPIs important to the improvement of the relevant to the service areas for which the Panel has scrutiny responsibility Council's services and the achievement of its key objectives,; and
 - (b) the performance targets for those KPIs for each year;
3. To review performance against the KPIs on a quarterly basis throughout each year, and to make recommendations for corrective action in relation to areas of slippage or under performance;

Public Consultation and Engagement

4. To develop arrangements as required, for the Council to directly engage local communities in shaping the future direction of its services, to ensure that they are responsive to local need;
5. To annually review details of the consultation and engagement exercises undertaken by the Council over the previous year;

Finance

6. To consider the draft portfolio budgets for each year, and to evaluate and rank proposals for enhancing or reducing services where necessary, whilst ensuring consistency between policy objectives and financial demands;
7. To review key areas of income and expenditure for each portfolio on a quarterly basis throughout the year;

Information and Communications Technology

8. To monitor and review progress on the implementation of all major ICT systems;

Value For Money

9. To consider the Council's comparative value for money 'performance', and to recommend as required to the Finance and Performance Management Cabinet Committee, in respect of areas where further detailed investigation may be required; and

Equality

10. To review six monthly progress towards the achievement of the Council's equality objectives for 2012/13 to 2015/16, and progress in relation to other equality issues and initiatives.

Chairman: Cllr T Church