

FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE

Thursday, 8 September 2022

Present: Councillor J Williamson (Chair)

Councillors T Anderson L Rennie
J Bird J Robinson
P Gilchrist

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed members and officers to the meeting. The Sub-Committee was advised that due to the advanced scheduling of meetings, the meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee had fallen the day after Policy and Resources had considered the budget monitoring report for Quarter 1 of 2022/23, and that as a result many of the members' queries in relation to the 2022/23 budget had already been raised.

2 APOLOGIES

No apologies for absence were received.

3 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests and any other relevant interest and to state the nature of the interest. No declarations were made.

4 PUBLIC AND MEMBER QUESTIONS

The Chair informed the Sub-Committee that no public questions, statements, petitions or questions by members had been received.

5 2022/23 BUDGET SAVINGS STAR CHAMBER

The Director of Resources introduced the report which provided progress against delivery of the 2022/23 budget savings agreed at full Council on 28 February 2022 as at the end of June 2022. The Star Chamber approach provided the opportunity for members to gain assurance from Directors as to the deliverability of the savings and to support Officers with recommendations for mitigations, should savings be at risk of non-delivery.

Following a query from a member, the Director of Care and Health identified additional pressures in the Adult Social Care and Health budget as a result of hospital discharges and problems identifying domiciliary care support packages, and how these pressures were being offset. Following the

discussion, all Directors were asked to provide a brief summary on any potential pressures in the initial forecast position for Q2 of 2022/23. It was reported that:

- There could be a budget pressure caused by vulnerable people unable to repay debt.
- The capitalisation of staff salaries in Regeneration was currently rated as amber in the delivery RAG rating but it was hoped that in Q2 it would be back on target.
- There had been some delays in the delivery of savings in relation to adoption orders, but it was anticipated that the savings would be fully realised.
- The Neighbourhood Services delivery of savings in Q1 had been transitional and it was hoped that there would be an improvement in their delivery in Q2.

Resolved – That the progress against the delivery of the 2022/23 budget savings as at the end of Quarter 1 be noted.