

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT – CORPORATE SCRUTINY DISCUSSION LOG

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1	What measures had been put in place since the demolition of the Peel Café to ensure the situation did not happen again.	Moving forward any works relation to the Future High Street Fund Project requiring planning permission would now always be considered through a full planning committee meeting.	NFA
2	Whether any council asset requiring planning permission should be put through planning committee.	It was agreed that this matter would be discussed separately to try to resolve this issue.	Chief Executive to meeting with chair to discuss

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1	Clarification around where target figures came from? Are they benchmarking of comparing with figures from previous years?	It was confirmed that where areas are within the corporate plan then targets are based on milestones set within this, however benchmarking is used within finance and housing, however, it was highlighted by the Chair that previous Council experience has shown that benchmarking can be subjective.	NFA
2	Where the improvement in corporate risk has come from?	The current risk has remained as a 4, it is the risk likelihood that has improved from a 4 to a 3. The monitoring in place would impact on the likelihood and the current underspend would impact on their position, however it was noted that whilst the risk is improved it is still in the red status and very much on the radar and being monitored and that there are still long term challenges.	NFA

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<p>The Committee asked how this improvement was sensitive to interest rate changes as there is still uncertainty over this?</p>	<p>This was based on interest rates already received on reserve balances. Interest rate projections and sensitivity will be considered when setting the upcoming budget.</p>	
<p>3 Clarification over the ‘General Fund Main Variances table’ as the table is difficult to interpret the figures as red usually represents a negative figure and why, if red is a positive figure, do the catering sales appear to show a loss of £130k and what the position around the assembly rooms was.</p>	<p>This was being looked into and agreed to provide a briefing note to explain the table and understanding around these figure.</p>	<p>Briefing note to explain the figures in the table. 28/11/24 Briefing note circulated from Rebecca Smeathers</p>
<p>4 Clarification around the charts on tenants arrears as we seem to be showing an increasing level of arrears whilst evictions are low, but you would expect evictions to start increasing and what plan is in place?</p>	<p>The graph relates to current tenant arrears but the figure that is being referred to as increasing is across all areas including former tenant, garage, court costs and garages. However, although evictions remain low work is ongoing around tenancy sustainment.</p>	<p>NFA</p>

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<p>5 Clarification around Council tax collection rates of 58%.</p>	<p>The collection rate is current collection for the year so far, officers added that the figure was the collection rate at the end of quarter two and a collection rate of over 50% is considered good at this stage.</p>	<p>NFA</p>
<p>6 Clarification around the medium term financial strategy central case which suggests that the Council would be 3.3 million pound short after 3 years.</p>	<p>These shortfall figures are from when the budget was set in February however this has improved due to the underspend and that these would be revised.</p>	<p>NFA</p>
<p>7 Clarification around the enabling works at the Peel Café and why this historic building was demolished?</p>	<p>When the report was written enabling works were to remove the frontage and the rear extension. The original planning permission was to remove the rear elevation and the shop front, it also included the removal of the first floor to improve ceiling heights, and removal of the second, whilst removing the rotten windows at the front and back and removal of the staircase.</p> <p>Once the building was surveyed it was identified that the roof sub structure was rotten and needed to be removed which led to an amendment of the planning permission which left a front and rear façade which was to be maintained by inserting steel across them.</p> <p>The condition of the brickwork was very poor and the most feasible option was to remove and reinstate the front and rear elevations.</p>	<p>NFA</p>

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