Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee 29th November 2023 Enquiries from Elected Members	
	Responses to Questions
Item 5	**Budget Monitoring**
Question 1	Cllr Brown – Regarding the overspend in Catering and FM in part due to food costs information on what is being done to minimise food waste was requested.
Answer	A short-term working group has been established with key actions agreed which include: 1) Campaign to increase pre-selection orders from parents 2) Visits to Catering Managers to audit stock checks and orders 3) Report designed per school to show difference between sales value and order value. 4) Meetings requested with procurement and suppliers to mitigate food costs increases 5) Menu review to update ahead of April using data on food items that are most popular 6) Work with Soil Association to procure alternative ingredients for each menu offering though still maintaining Bronze award standards. 7) Work with other LAs to ascertain best practice.
Item 6	**Investment**
Question 2	Cllr Morgan – Referred to Page 102 (Education) 4.1 Physical Progress and requested some examples of the smaller scale improvements. She also referred to Scaraway Nursery and sought clarification on what was meant by joint use. Para 4.7 – requested examples from Other Projects.
Answer	A new community facility is soon to be under construction in Milton, North Glasgow on behalf of Glasgow City Council. The facility will provide a new home for the existing Scaraway Nursery School and the North United Communities (NUC) community organisation on the site of the former St Ambrose School for the Deaf off Shapinsay Street in central Milton. Both the nursery and the NUC facility will be housed within distinctly separate areas in one building some community accessible spaces located centrally which can also be used by the nursery with organised timetabling. The Other Projects category cover those projects which are nearing completion and are no longer separately reported due to the low value of planned expenditure remaining. This includes the extension to St Paul's High School and investment in Multi-Use Games Areas in schools. In time, these projects will be removed from the programme.

Question 3	Cllr Brown – Referred to Asset Sales and would like information on how City Property market properties and how City Property ensure best value when agreeing the sale price.
Answer	City Property are instructed by NRS to sell GCC surplus properties/sites either by way of advertising them on the open market or in certain circumstance agreeing an off market disposal. City Property has detailed procedures in place for these methods of disposal, copies of which can be provided on request. When marketing properties and when appropriate City Property will instruct a Home Report to be prepared by an external agent. The properties/sites are then advertised on the open market. On the closing date all bids are submitted to legal services and then are passed to City Property to assess. All compliant bids are then reviewed and assessed, and a delegated report is submitted by City Property for approval by GCC under the following delegated power: *To agree terms for the disposal of land or property (including by way of the grant of a long lease or grassum, with or without an option to purchase), which has been declared surplus to requirements and which has been advertised on the open market, where more than one offer has been received and the highest offer is being accepted and subject to being satisfied that this represented full market value.* In the very unlikely event that City Property were to recommend a bid that was not the highest offer then a report would be submitted to Contracts and Property Committee for consideration/approval.

This paper will be considered at the start of the committee agenda however requests for clarification on the answers can be made via the committee clerk in advance of the committee meeting.