

### **Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee – Annual Assessment noted etc.**

**3** There was submitted a report by Bailie Soryia Siddique, Chair of this committee regarding an annual assessment of the work of the committee,

(1) advising that

- (a) Council Standing Order No 31 required that an annual assessment of the work of each Scrutiny Committee should be carried out to assess the effectiveness of the working of the committee and to assess any training needs of members and officers, with the assessment being carried out by the relevant Convener in years 1 and 2 and an independent assessment being carried out in year 3 and every third year thereafter; and
- (b) this was now year 2 of the Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee under the current Council term having been established in May 2022 following the Local Government Elections with its Terms of Reference approved by Council on 19th May 2022 (Print 1, page 23); and

(2) highlighting

- (a) that the committee in the past 12 months had moved away from the agreed specific focus on the cost of living lens to address and prioritise areas of service activity in order to begin to reflect the wider commitments within the Council's Strategic Plan 2022-27;
- (b) to date the items that had been considered by the committee during the past 12 months, as detailed in the report;
- (c) the scrutiny committees' responsibilities in relation to the call-in process whilst confirming that the committee to date had not dealt with any called-in decisions;
- (d) that as a result of members of the committee requesting more frequent training, the 2025 workplan had been updated to include more training opportunities for members of the committee; and
- (e) the effectiveness of the committee's 'Question and Answer' report as a standing agenda item that allowed for specific and detailed answers from officers to be fed back to all committee members at the next scheduled meeting; and

(3) summarising the feedback received from the questionnaire issued to members of the committee to help inform the effectiveness of the working of the committee.

After consideration, the committee noted the annual assessment report and the future actions resulting from the feedback from the committee member survey.