

## **Finance and Scrutiny Committee – Annual Assessment noted etc.**

**2** There was submitted a report by Councillor Frank McAveety, 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 Finance and 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);
- (2) highlighting
  - (a) that a work programme was agreed by the committee after each recess, with the most recent work programme being agreed in August 2024 and a review of the work coming through the committee over the past 12 months compared to the Terms of Reference confirmed that committee had broadly met its requirements;
  - (b) that the most frequent reports related to financial monitoring and audit reports with the committee having agreed to generally focus each meeting between those 2 areas, whilst allowing for flexibility to prioritise more urgent business;
  - (c) the important interface between this committee and the Operational Performance Delivery Scrutiny Committee;
  - (d) 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; and
  - (e) that committee members were encouraged to raise any areas of training or development that would assist them in their roles on the committee and the next scheduled training session was to be provided by the external auditor, EY; 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 any

future actions resulting from the feedback received from the committee member survey.