

FINANCE AND AUDIT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 17th June 2026.

Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee.

- Present: Cecilia O'Lone (Chair), Ken Andrew, Alexander Belic, Declan Blench, Abdul Bostani, Dan Hutchison, Jim Kavanagh, Donna McGill, Malcolm Mitchell and Catherine Vallis.
- Apologies: Elaine Gallagher and Kieran Turner.
- Attending: C Birrell (Clerk); M Johnston, Director of Financial and Business Services; J Campbell, Head of Audit and Inspection; D McEwan (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); N Farnell (for the Chief Executive); C MacKenzie (for the Director of Communication and Corporate Governance); and R Wynne, EY.

Committee Annual Assessment - Results of independent assessment noted – Reference to Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee.

1 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, providing details of the results of the year 3 independent annual assessment of the work of this committee and its effectiveness, advising

- (1) that Council Standing Order No 31 required that an annual assessment of the work of each Scrutiny Committee shall 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 3rd year thereafter;
- (2) of the main findings from the recent independent assessment of this committee undertaken by the Divisional Director, of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, Property and Major Projects and the Head of Service for Sustainability;
- (3) that as part of the review interviews were conducted with the Chair, Councillor O'Lone, the Vice-Chair, Councillor Turner and the Lead Officer, Robert Emmott, Executive Director of Financial Services together with the Director of Financial Services and the Head of Audit and Inspection and a number of committee meetings were also viewed either in person or by viewing the recording; and
- (4) of the effectiveness of the operation of the committee, together with a proposed action plan outlining areas which could be improved, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee agreed

- (a) to the implementation of the action plan, to be led by the Executive Director of Financial Services, in conjunction with the Chair and Vice-Chair; and
- (b) agreed to refer the report for inclusion in the consolidated report to the Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee.