

Report to: Cabinet 14 November 2022

Lead Cabinet Members: All

From: Councillor Stephen Drew, Chair of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee
Councillor Graham Cone, Vice-Chair of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee

Update from Scrutiny and Overview Committee

Purpose

1. This report is to inform Cabinet about relevant discussion among members of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee at their meeting on 20 October 2022.

Fees and Charges

2. The Scrutiny and Overview Committee expressed concern about the potential funding gap in the Budget given the current rate of inflation and the overall increase of 5% in fees and charges. It recognised though that the estimated income from such fees and charges amounted to less than 10% of the total Budget and that it was difficult to anticipate what underlying economic conditions could be during 2023-24.
3. The Scrutiny and Overview Committee accepted that Council costs in providing services were currently being covered by the proposed fees and charges but drew attention to situations where the cost of providing an individual service in future might not be covered by a flat rate percentage increase.

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