

## **COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (PERFORMANCE AND GROWTH)**

### **FINAL REVENUE BUDGET 2019/20 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2020/21 TO 2023/24**

- 9.1 The Panel received the Final Revenue Budget 2019/20 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 to 2023/24.
- 9.2 Following a comment regarding the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), it was clarified that CIL is not recorded in the revenue budget. In addition, even though the Council hold CIL in an earmarked reserve, there is no guarantee that it would be spent on the Council budget.
- 9.3 In regard to the Commercial Investment Strategy and any potential impact on it from the United Kingdom leaving the European Union, Members were informed that the Council have long leases with the tenants of properties that were purchased under the CIS. Furthermore, "due diligence" was done before purchasing any property. There is also a contingency fund to cover costs if a tenant suddenly leaves.
- 9.4 After a question about a forecast rise in Car Park income, the Panel was informed that the extra income is expected to come from changes that are designed to encourage "dwell times".
- 9.5 A Member questioned why there had been a £200k overspend on the grounds maintenance part of the Leisure and Health budget during 2018/19. The Head of Resources confirmed that he will investigate this matter.
- 9.6 Concern was raised regarding the litter bin removal scheme; however the Panel was informed that the scheme will not remove all litter bins, only those that are underutilised or in areas where there is more than one bin.