COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (PERFORMANCE AND CUSTOMERS) – 14th June 2017

COUNCIL TRADING COMPANY – SHAREHOLDER AGREEMENT, ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND COMMERCIALISATION UPDATE

The Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Performance and Customers) was presented the report on Council Trading Company – Shareholder Agreement, Articles of Association and Commercialisation Update at the Panel meeting on 14th June 2017.

A Member was concerned that due diligence and asked if it had been carried out however the Executive Councillor for Commercialisation and Shared Services assured Members that due diligence has been given as the documents have been through two solicitors and the 3C legal services.

The Panel welcomed the appointment of Councillor Mrs S J Conboy as a non-executive Director as a good example of cross-party working.

Despite the assurances given by the Executive Councillor, some Members remain concerned about the commercialisation agenda.

Concern was raised that the authority to appoint additional Directors would be vested in one individual. As such the Panel agreed that two further recommendations will be put to Cabinet, they are:

- the Cabinet appoints the Managing Director as the first company Director, and
- the Cabinet delegates authority to the Board to appoint additional Directors.