

Chairs report, February 2022

Finance & Performance Committee

Welcome to the Finance and Performance Committee meeting for February 2022.

Today, we have a large number of reports for consideration. I would firstly like to thank staff for the commentary provided in the Financial Snapshot and mid-year budget review. It is well detailed and provides clear explanations for variations within the report. A lot of work has gone in to understanding where the budget lines are at and what is predicted to be achieved by financial year end.

The report on Council's forestry holdings show how very little we now hold. I know there had been a lot of questions and a low level of understanding by elected members around this area. It is pleasing to see the information provided and I trust that the governance body will now have a clearer picture of what Council currently holds and the maturity levels of those blocks.

Today we see the first iteration of the new reporting model for Council's Statement of Service Performance (6 month period). It is very encouraging to see improvements across a number of measures within the report. Some of these measures are statutory requirements and some are Council determined. I know a lot of hard work is going on behind the scenes at Council and on behalf of this committee, I would like to thank all involved in achieving these improvements. We all know there will be areas of opportunities to improve and I am certain they will come in due course.

Looking forward to everyone's input into today's meeting.

Nigel Belsham

Finance & Performance Committee Chair