

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding the Executive to Account

Scrutiny Monitoring – 14 December 2023

Date	Portfolio	Title	Action proposed	Action Taken	Progress Status
12/10/23	Finance & Change	MTFS Update	1) That, whilst recognising the need for the Council to take timely decisions, the Executive commits to ensuring that, moving forward, the principles of transparency and openness continue to be employed by the Council when making decisions.	Agreed – efforts will be made to circulate papers as much in advance as possible, as has occurred by circulating the Cabinet paper in advance of Cabinet publication on this occasion.	Completed
			2) That clarification is provided with regards to whether additional funding has been provided by the Government in 2023/24 specifically for pothole repairs.	We received £378,400 additional funding in 2023/24 for potholes. A further funding announced last week by Government as well on extra funding. No formal decision was taken about how to apply this, but will be discussed at Strategic Capital Board and a decision subsequently made.	Completed
12/10/23	Adults, Health & Housing	Adult Social Care Charging Policy	1) That the Committee are provided with the Executive's analysis with regards to the percentage of clients who will pay more for their care and the percentage of clients who will pay less for their care following the implementation of the proposed changes.	<p>To assess the impact, one week's charging transactions (from May 23) for non-residential care arranged by SCC were taken as a sample and analysed. 1328 people were charged, and the key findings were that:</p> <p>1035 people (78%) would not be affected, as the cost of their care is already higher than their means-tested contribution (the maximum amount they can afford to pay for their care based on the financial assessment, using government rates and rules). They would continue to pay their contribution.</p> <p>80 people (6%) who are "full-cost" (expected to pay the full cost of their care</p>	Completed

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				<p>due to their level of financial assets), would be significantly impacted. 64 of these would see an increase in their charges, the average increase being 28%. The highest weekly charge would rise from £1161 to £1851.</p> <p>213 people (16%) who are “low-cost” (charged the cost of their care because it is lower than their means-tested contribution) would also be significantly impacted. 189 of these would see an increase in their charges, the average increase being 19%. However, the total amounts for this group are much lower than the full-cost people, and the worst case scenario (for 29 people) would be that their charges rise to their contribution amount.</p>	
12/10/23	Environment & Transport	Change in City Centre Parking Charging Hours	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That, at the earliest opportunity, the Executive seeks to identify solutions that will help to mitigate the impact of the proposals on charitable and community organisations in the city. 2) That, at the earliest opportunity, the Administration invites Go South Coast to engage with faith communities and consider additional bus routes and increasing service frequency to enable modal shift to occur. 	<p>Officers will put options forward for consideration by the administration to be included as an exemption within a future amendment of the off-street order. In the interim, Parking Services will review any requests that come forward from such organisations with due consideration on whether offering provision can be sustained.</p> <p>The Council has entered into an Enhanced Partnership with local bus operators. As part of the Partnership, discussions will be held on identifying new opportunities for bus routes and services, and the use of fare offers such as group fare discounts.</p>	Under review