

SOMERSET WEST AND TAUNTON COUNCIL
CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WRITTEN ANSWERS TRACKER 2021/22

| Date of Cttee | Scrutiny Cttee Request for information | Decision Maker /Directorate Responsible | Response to request for information | Date response of | Scrutiny Officer Comments/Update |
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| 07/07/21 | Q) <i>Outturn Report - Can the Finance team provide a comparison with this year's outturn and last years on debts written off?</i> | Cllr Ross Henley/Finance | | | Understood this information can be provided. |
| 07/07/21 | Q) <i>Performance Report – Extensions to Planning applications due to phosphates – further detail on how many had had multiple extensions?</i> | Cllr Mike Rigby / Planning | We don't hold that information and I am not clear of the relevance of whether they have had multiple extensions. The more pertinent information is the number of applications which are currently held in abeyance due to the need to provide measures to mitigate the impact of development on the Somerset Levels and Moors Ramsar site. As Rebecca reported to Planning Committee we currently have approximately 100 applications equating to approximately 2,300 dwellings and 13 sites awaiting the | 01/09/21 | A verbal update was given to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee by Alison Blom-Cooper during the committee meeting on 3/11/21. |

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| | | | discharge of conditions equating to approximately 450 dwellings. | | |
| 01/09/21 | <i>2021/22 General Fund Financial Monitoring as at Qtr1</i> Q) Collation of parking income was requested along with the projected shortfall with comparison to pre pandemic levels. | Cllr R Henley & Cllr M Rigby / Finance/ Parking | Awaiting response. (<i>Check details of Qtr2 monitoring</i>) | 10/11/21 | Finance Business Partner currently checking with Stuart Noyce (may be a delay due to leave commitments) |
| 01/09/21 | <i>2021/22 General Fund Financial Monitoring as at Qtr1 –</i> Q) Appendix A compared to the budget agreed in February was considered, with a requested for further information in comparison to the detail of the variances. | Cllr R Henley / Finance | Paul Maclean has asked Cllr Buller to contact him direct so that he can fully understand the query and provide a satisfactory response. - First email was 07/09/21 - To be followed up. | | Paul Maclean – can provide a detailed written response. Email fwd on. Emily Collacott and Paul Maclean. |
| 01/09/21 | <i>2021/22 – HRA Financial Monitoring as at Q1</i> - There had been a revenue forecast overspend of £610k, with the recommendation setting out £869k, information relating to the variance in the figures was requested. | Cllr F Smith / Housing | The amount of £869k has been moved from HRA earmarked reserves to the HRA general reserves therefore increases the level of general reserves – this figure is not included in the Q1 year-end forecast | 10/11/21 | Information provided by Emily Collacott and confirmed by Kerry Prisco. Email dated 10/11/21 |
| 3/11/21 | <i>Innovation District Update</i> – A request was made for the full report from the EIBC study. During the meeting Chris Hall agreed to supply a redacted version due to commercial sensitivity. | Cllr M Kravis/ Development & Place | Chris Hall will redact the report and then make it available to members. | 8/11/21 | The redacted version of the report was published as part of the Executive Committee report for the Executive meeting held on 17 th November. |