

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD, 31 JANUARY 2024

The Board is invited to consider the following comments made by the Places Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee (OSSC) at its meeting on 24 January 2024 and decide whether to include these in its comments to Cabinet on the 2024/25 Budget Setting Cycle reports.

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1. That Officers suggest a frequency for regular reporting on the project to Places OSSC
2. That a metric is identified to quantify savings to the General Fund, such as a reduction in pressure on the social care budget. We recommend that an Active Mode Appraisal Toolkit (AMAT) assessment is conducted
3. That the term "affordable" in the report is broken down to identify the products on offer

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1. That Members note the advice from Savills, in section 7.3, in which they question the viability of the scheme.
2. We recommend that the Council revisit the infill scheme, regarding council garages, in order to reduce anti-social behaviour and provide new homes.
3. That Members be mindful of the potential telecare costs, relating to the digital switch over.
4. That the negative Equality Impact Assessments (EQIA), on all characteristics be noted by Cabinet.
5. We recommend that the Section 151 Officer should explain the need to borrow from the general fund, as opposed to the Public Works Loan Board or other external sources, also commenting on the impact that this has on the General Fund and deficit
6. That Members be provided with an update on work taken to increase the number of bedrooms in homes, with a view to ensuring residents can remain in their home as opposed to being moved to a larger property.
7. That the Places OSSC be provided with a breakdown on the charges relating to heat and water