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Committee Chair: Cllr Chris Hossack	
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Policy, Resources & Economic Development Committee updates since the last Ordinary Council on 2nd November 2022.

2022/23 Budget update and Draft 2023/24 Medium Term Financial Forecast

The current draft forecast as outlined in the report is to aid Members in understanding the basis of what is known now, the financial trajectory of the Council and identifying actions that can be taken to address the continuing deficit of resources over expenditure. These actions may involve Members having to take difficult decisions to address the budget gap.

The report also provided the Policy, Resources & Economic Development Committee with an update to the 2022/23 General Fund Revenue budget, Housing Revenue Account and Capital program as well as the Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2022/23.

Fees & Charges

Proposed Fees & Charges were approved within the remit of this committee and are subject to the annual budget setting process.

Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Members approved the publication of the draft Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation.

The draft SPD will sit alongside the Brentwood Local Plan 2016-2033. It sets out the council's approach towards seeking planning obligations required to make development schemes acceptable in planning terms. It identifies topic areas where planning obligations may be applicable depending on the scale of development and sets out the required obligations or contributions. Once adopted the SPD will be a material consideration in respect of all relevant planning applications.

Corporate Peer Challenge Update

A report updated members on the progress of the Action Plan.

Corporate Strategy Key Objectives 2022/23 Update

The Council's Corporate Strategy 2020-25 was agreed at Ordinary Council on the 22nd January 2020. The Corporate Strategy sets out the council's ambitions for a 5-year period. Annual objectives, against the strategy, are set each year.

The report sought approval from members on the Corporate Strategy Key Objectives for 2022/23 and provided an update on the progress of these objectives. The details of the objectives, including progress to date were covered in the report.

OneTeam 3rd Quarter Overview Update

An update was provided on progress to date to the Committee on the progress of the OneTeam Transformation Programme.