

**Supplement to the agenda for**

# **General scrutiny committee**

**Monday 20 January 2020**

**10.15 am**

**Council Chamber, The Shire Hall, St Peter's Square, Hereford,  
HR1 2HX**

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**MEMBER QUESTIONS TO GENERAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 20 January 2020**

Question 1

**Councillor Nigel Shaw – Bromyard Bringsty**

I was surprised to not see specific reference to the current phosphate problem that affects North Herefordshire. I am advised that the lack of development coming forward is now affecting family building companies in the region. Certainly it will have an effect on the authority's five year land supply and thence a knock on effect on any planning weight given to all Neighbourhood Development plans in the county. Such a moratorium on development is affecting business investment and may even impact our deadline for favourable conservation status, with an attendant fine on the authority. All contrary to the Corporate Plan.

The scrutiny committee might enquire why, given the immediacy and the gravity of the situation, the authority has not seen prudent a line in the capital investment plan and additional funding in the revenue budget to urgently address these matters?

**Response**

The administration is fully aware of the current phosphate problem preventing development proposals coming forward and work is underway to explore with the relevant statutory agencies how best to overcome the issue. Paragraphs 18 and 19 of the Budget report on the agenda for the committee highlights that the provisional local government funding settlement included funding of £2.2m in relation to new homes bonus. It is proposed in the report that this funding is treated as one-off funding and is earmarked to facilitate the delivery of houses in support of delivering the core strategy. If necessary, this would be available to assist in bringing forward appropriate measure to address the phosphate issues.



**REVIEW OF BUDGET AND CORPORATE PLAN PROPOSALS FOR 2020/2021**

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADULTS AND WELLBEING AND CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

**Adults and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee – 13 January 2020**

1. To inform the detailed business cases for the key areas of capital investment and to provide assurance that they are sustainable and represent value for money, the executive be asked to arrange an all members' seminar to explore the options appraisals.
2. That the options appraisal for public housing also consider the potential to support key workers with their accommodation needs.
3. There is further clarification and detail provided on the proposed shared social care pooled budget between the adults and children's directorates when it is available.

**Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee – 14 January 2020**

- 1 That the committee supports the additional areas of investment identified in the budget.
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