

Agenda

Name of Meeting	CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date	MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2024
Time	5.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, ISLE OF WIGHT
Committee Members	Cllrs J Robertson (Chairman), P Spink (Vice-Chairman), R Downer, W Drew, J Lever, K Love, C Mosdell, C Quirk and S Redrup
Co-opted Members	Simon Cooke (IWALC), Vacancy (HALC)
	Democratic Services Officer: Megan Tuckwell democratic.services@iow.gov.uk

1. **Apologies and Changes in Membership (If Any)**

To note any changes in membership of the Committee made in accordance with Part 4B paragraph 5 of the Constitution.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To invite councillors to declare any interest they might have in the matters on the agenda.

3. **Public Question Time - 15 Minutes Maximum** (Pages 5 - 6)

Questions may be asked without notice, but to guarantee a full reply, a question must be put (including the name and address of the questioner) in writing or by email to Democratic Services democratic.services@iow.gov.uk. The deadline for submitting a written question is **Thursday, 8 February 2024**.



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4. **Pre-Decision Scrutiny - Budget and Council Tax Setting 2024-2025 and Future Years' Forecasts** (Pages 7 - 8)

To comment on the draft budget proposals for 2024-25, prior to its consideration by the Cabinet (on 15 February 2024) and the Full Council (on 28 February 2024).

5. **Members' Question Time**

Questions may be asked without prior notice, but to guarantee a full reply, a question must be submitted to Democratic Services no later than 5pm, Thursday 8 February 2024.

CHRISTOPHER POTTER
Monitoring Officer
Friday, 2 February 2024

Interests

If there is a matter on this agenda which may relate to an interest you or your partner or spouse has or one you have disclosed in your register of interests, you must declare your interest before the matter is discussed or when your interest becomes apparent. If the matter relates to an interest in your register of pecuniary interests then you must take no part in its consideration and you must leave the room for that item. Should you wish to participate as a member of the public to express your views where public speaking is allowed under the Council's normal procedures, then you will need to seek a dispensation to do so. Dispensations are considered by the Monitoring Officer following the submission of a written request. Dispensations may take up to 2 weeks to be granted.

Members are reminded that it is a requirement of the Code of Conduct that they should also keep their written Register of Interests up to date. Any changes to the interests recorded on that form should be made as soon as reasonably practicable, and within 28 days of the change. A change would be necessary if, for example, your employment changes, you move house or acquire any new property or land.

If you require more guidance on the Code of Conduct or are unsure whether you need to record an interest on the written register you should take advice from the Monitoring Officer – Christopher Potter on (01983) 821000, email christopher.potter@iow.gov.uk, or Deputy Monitoring Officer - Justin Thorne on 821000, email justin.thorne@iow.gov.uk.

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Update to the Agenda for meeting of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee to be held on 12 February 2024

Public Question Time

In accordance with the Constitution ([PART 4B - Questions by Members of the Public](#)), a question may be asked at the meeting without prior notice but in these circumstances, there is no guarantee that a full reply will be given.

To guarantee a reply at the meeting, members of the public must deliver their question in writing or by email, to Democratic Services no later than two clear working days prior to the start of the meeting.

The chairman of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee (at its meeting held on 6 February 2024) noted the exceptional circumstances that had delayed the publication of the budget proposals and on that basis asked officers to extend the deadline for which a written reply would be supplied by 24 hours.

The revised deadline for submitting a written question is now Thursday, 8 February 2024.

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Purpose: For Information

Agenda Item Introduction

Committee	CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date	12 FEBRUARY 2024
Topic	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY – BUDGET PROPOSALS 2024-25

Background

1. The Corporate Scrutiny Committee will consider the detail behind the budget proposals for 2024-25.

Focus for Scrutiny

2. To consider financial assumptions, examine risks, clarify impacts of budget reductions and challenge priorities.
3. To consider whether Cabinet has an effective plan for the implementation of a reduced budget for the next financial year and any steps that the council is taking to respond to the financial situation over the next 12 to 18 months.

Outcome(s)

4. Does the committee support the proposed budget, or wish to report any comment to Cabinet?

Approach

5. To consider the report being submitted to Cabinet, due to be published on Wednesday, 7 February 2024.

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