



Meeting Date: 26th April 2022

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Title: **Business & Transformation Scrutiny Panel Chairman's Report –
Councillor James Bainbridge**

24th February

We received a Report on the present management of Talkin Tarn, and its future operation opportunities. Members agreed to undertake a future meeting in the form of a workshop to progress these issues in more detail. The Sands Centre Monitoring Report highlighted the continued collaborative and progressive capital project taking shape at the Sands Centre. Project costs have been held so far in check, though given the inflationary pressures within the supply of materials and building projects there is pressure within the project in this area. The Council successfully pre-bought a lot of material to ensure supply chain flow, which has helped, as it has reduced our exposure in this area, but not completely removed it.

Sickness and Absence monitoring sadly showed a regressive trend, the Panel agreeing that a future Report would focus on mental health aspects of sickness and absence, which is the largest reason behind the present figures.

The Capital and Revenue Monitoring Reports were accepted following questioning. Within Part B we discussed the Management of Kingstown Industrial Estate and other exciting projects in formation withing Property Services at this time. Members interested in this area can request a copy of the Report through Member Services.

31st March

On 31st March the Panel held a meeting considering the status of corporate projects and the six-monthly review of the Corporate Risk Register. With continued economic inflationary pressures and the movement towards Vesting Day, a degree of additional risk and increased risk had been assessed and reflected in the Report. Members were able to ask a series of focussed questions on these issues, receiving reassurance that the Council was actively monitoring and reacting to these challenges.

We were able to receive a further briefing of squad working, which was positively received by the Panel and we are more content with the introduction of this system into project working within the Council.

After formally agreeing the input into the Annual Scrutiny Report we received an update from ITC Services as a Part B agenda item.

Full details of the discussions are to be found within the Minute Book

Cllr James Bainbridge
Chairman