

Statement by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Support Services

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Financial Outturn

The 2013/14 revenue outturn position has shown significant savings against both the original and the quarter 3 revised budgets strengthening the Councils already enviable financial position. Once again this demonstrates the Councils commitment to strong financial governance and stewardship, enabling front line services to be strengthened and investment to be made in Council priorities. It has also resulted in a much more even spread of expenditure during the year which is to be welcomed.

Member ICT

The continued roll out of technology to facilitate paperless working is continuing and will be reviewed in the autumn. However, initial feedback from cabinet members, committee chairs / vice chairs and the Member ICT working group has been positive. A number of changes will be taking place within the structure of the ICT service targeted at improving the response members receive in respect of problems they encounter and hopefully will involve a single point of contact for members.

Restructure

The restructure of Support Services is entering its final stages and it is hoped that all services will be fully restructured by the end of the summer. As soon as this is done I will let members know.

Parking

I recently attended the PATROL (Parking And Traffic Regulations Outside London) adjudication joint committee meeting. A new online system was demonstrated which will be used by the vast majority of Councils in the country from next year. This will allow those appealing against parking penalties and the Councils involved to easily upload evidence thus speeding up the process and allowing more telephone adjudications to take place. This should reduce the inconvenience to our residents who choose to appeal.

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