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Subject: Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report – September 2022-23

Summary: As requested by the Chairman and Spokespeople of the Scrutiny Committee the Committee is asked to discuss and note the Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report September 2022-23

1. Introduction

- a) By the time the Scrutiny Committee meets the attached report will have been presented to Cabinet (1 December 2022). The report sets out the revenue and capital budget monitoring position as at September 2022 23.
- b) The Chairman and Spokespeople considered that Scrutiny has a key role to play when considering the Executive's draft budget proposals in January but it was vital to ensure regular finance monitoring reports were submitted to Scrutiny Committee to allow the Committee to consider the budget throughout the year.
- c) Scrutiny Committee has a role in financial monitoring and can add value by reviewing draft financial plans to challenge the forecasts, affordability, risks, clarity and feasibility of what is proposed. In particular, how any financial plans will affect other important corporate or service plans.
- d) To ensure this task does not place any additional burden the Scrutiny Committee will follow the budget reporting cycle of the Cabinet and receive finance reports twice a year in addition to the draft budget proposals in January.

2. Attached documents

- a) Cabinet Covering Report
- b) Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report September 2022-23

3. Recommendation

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to discuss and note the report.

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