

## COUNCIL MEETING 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

### QUESTIONS RECEIVED From the Public:

#### David Turver to ask:

*To Portfolio Holder for Finance (or suitable deputy)*

- 1) Can you please share with the public the results of the [investigation](#) carried out by the external consultants into the £1.1m adverse variance on the Waste Contract?
- 2) Now that the Garden Community project has been [postponed](#), how much has the project cost so far this financial year; what spending commitments are remaining and what is the expected full year outturn?

*To the Chair of the Audit Committee*

- 3) FY2018/19 started with zero budget for the [New Settlement](#), in November 2018 £50K was approved, that was overspent by December and overall £90K was spent in the year. In FY20/21, the budget started at £167K, rose to £500K, fell to £68.6K (2 x £34.3K half year budget) and eventually fell to zero. Overall £283K was transferred from reserves to cover the expenditure. Do you agree that the Audit Committee should subject the New Settlement to an internal audit to learn the lessons of proper budgeting and financial control for other projects?