

Community and Public Safety Scrutiny Committee – 14 December 2016

The Community and Public Safety Scrutiny Committee held a budget workshop on 14 December 2016 to consider the financial pressures for this service area. The workshop produced the following comments for consideration by the Executive:

- The level of overlap and inefficiency in the voluntary sector was highlighted as an area for future consideration to ensure funding is used effectively.
- The proposal to use reserves for 2 years to mitigate impact in relation to Financial Inclusion support was supported.
- The option for 400k operational efficiencies from the Library & Information Services contract was welcomed, but the need for additional information to be presented to scrutiny was highlighted.
- Concerns were highlighted regarding any future savings or reductions from the Fire & Rescue and Emergency Planning budget.
- A greater focus on Traded Standards being developed as a traded service was supported. However, concerns were highlighted in relation to the regulatory role of Trading Standards moving forward.
- Exploring further opportunities for income generation in the Registrars & Coroners was supported as a priority.

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