

**CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 26TH
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4 Improvement & Recovery Update Report	S1-34	No showstoppers for me but there is a little optimism bias, the report doesn't bring out strongly enough the challenges that still exist.
5 Revenue and Budget Outturn Report 2022-23	S35-36 and 13-44	This report sets out the Council's draft financial position for 2022/23 after the end of the financial year. The position should be considered provisional until all years' accounts have been prepared and the audits signed off by the Council's external auditors which could be some way off. Associated issues may continue to be resolved or identified that could affect the financial position. The Commissioners note the key elements of this report, summarised position for each of the ringfenced funds and refreshed assumptions relating to the capitalisation direction which at £301.9m to 31 March 2024 is higher than predicted in the budget approved by Council March 2023, which estimated a figure of £298.7m. The capitalisation direction is based in part on assumptions, the external environment is challenging and inevitably the situation will change. The Council should take all reasonable action and necessary steps to minimise the risk to which it is exposed and mitigate pressures where possible, to remain within the original estimates and demonstrate an improving financial trajectory.
6 Budget Monitoring Q1	45- 76	In the challenging social and economic climate with risks inherent in several of the Council's operations and financial pressures carried forward from previous years, it is important that members and officers fully understand the budget and are accountable for the delivery of it. This includes the delivery of savings and the need to manage in-year pressures. Clear transparent reporting is needed to identify issues as they arise and take the urgent corrective action required to support the Council's overarching aim to be a Council that lives within its means, which is essential to its long-term financial sustainability. The commissioners are content with this report recognising that overall, this leaves the Council with an in-year deficit still to be addressed
7 Revised CISC Work Programme	S37...	It looks like a heavy forward plan although they do seem to be the right areas.

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