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Cllr Simon Ball
Elected Member

Via email: simon.ball@rotherham.gov.uk

Dear Cllr Ball

Council Meeting – Wednesday 10th September 2025

Thank you for your question at the Council Meeting on 10th September 2025. I have set out your question and my response below.

How do you justify oversight amid rising regeneration costs under Labour?

The audit committee is a regulatory committee and will consider internal controls and issues raised through internal and external audit processes, alongside risk management.

There was an internal audit requested into "Asset Management estimates and capital programme" that received a partial assurance. The objective of the audit was to provide assurance on the accuracy of valuations, calculated as estimates for capital schemes that are to be included on the Capital Programme. There were actions arising from this audit report and as part of the audit committee forward work plan a progress report is planned to be received in our September meeting.

The internal audit plan also has an item on "23-24 capital programme" - to review the updated capital procedures and provide assurance that they are being complied with and that expenditure is appropriately approved, controlled and monitored. This audit report is currently in draft and once finalised will be presented to the audit committee which is being planned for our next committee meeting in September.

I hope you find this helpful.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Jamie Baggaley
Chair of Audit Committee