



Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Safer and Stronger Communities)

Date: 13th January 2014

Subject: Initial Budget Proposals for 2014/15

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. The purpose of this report is to present the initial 2014/15 budget proposals relevant to the Scrutiny Board's portfolio.
2. Initial budget proposals were considered at the Executive Board meeting on 18 December 2013. The sections of the report relevant to this Scrutiny Board's portfolio are attached for Members consideration.
3. The Scrutiny Board will have the opportunity at its meeting to raise any specific questions with regard to budget proposals that fall within its portfolio area. Any comments from the Scrutiny Board will then be forwarded to the Scrutiny Board (Resources and Council Services) in the first instance. Other Scrutiny Boards will undertake a similar exercise in relation to their portfolio areas.
4. The Scrutiny Board (Resources and Council Services) will be taking the Executive's full Initial Budget proposals on 20 January 2014. Any conclusions, observations and recommendations that are made by Scrutiny Board (Resources and Council Services) will be fed back to Executive Board prior to full Council, and will incorporate the views of each of the Scrutiny Boards within a composite statement, as in previous years.

Recommendation

5. Members are asked to consider the initial 2014/15 budget proposals relevant to the Scrutiny Board's portfolio and agree any comments to be forwarded to the Executive Board through the Scrutiny Board (Resources and Council Services).

Background documents¹

None used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.