

**Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Resources and Council Services)**

**Date: 20 January 2014**

**Subject: Initial Budget Proposals for 2014/15**

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| Are specific electoral Wards affected?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):  |                              |  |
| 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?                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:<br>Appendix number:   |                              |  |

**Summary of main issues**

1. In accordance with the Council's Budget and Policy Framework, the Deputy Chief Executive submitted to the Executive Board the attached report which sets out the Initial Budget Proposals for 2014/15. The proposals were subsequently submitted to Scrutiny for review and consideration.
2. Other Scrutiny Boards have already considered elements of the budget proposals relevant to their portfolio and where available the resulting comments are attached.
3. Any comments or recommendations made by Scrutiny on the Executive's initial budget proposals, will need to be submitted to the Deputy Chief Executive no later than 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in order that the Executive Board can consider these comments at its meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014 prior to submission of the proposed budget to full Council on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2014. Any conclusions, observations and recommendations that are made will incorporate the views of each of the Scrutiny Boards within a composite statement, as in previous years.
4. Councillor Wakefield has been invited to today's meeting to discuss the Executive's initial budget proposals.

## **Recommendations**

5. Members are asked to consider the Executive's initial budget proposals as set out in the report of the Deputy Chief Executive and make any comments or recommendations.

## **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

6. There are no background documents relating to this report

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<sup>1</sup> 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.