

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

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

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2014**

**Subject: Initial Budget Proposals for 2015/16**

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. 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 2015/16. The proposals were subsequently submitted to Scrutiny for review and consideration.
2. Other Scrutiny Boards will consider elements of the budget proposals relevant to their portfolio.
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 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015 in order that the Executive Board can consider these comments at its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015 prior to submission of the proposed budget to full Council on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015. 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. The Director of Resources 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.