Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Citizens and Communities)

Date: 18th January 2016

Subject: Initial Budget Proposals for 2016/17

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	☐ Yes	✓☐ No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	☐ Yes	✓☐ No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	☐ Yes	✓☐ No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	☐ Yes	✓☐ 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 2016/17. The proposals are subsequently submitted to Scrutiny for consideration and review.

2.	Specifically, the Scrutiny Board (Citizens and Communities) is asked to consider matters and proposals relating to the Citizens and Communities directorate. To assist, a further summary of the proposals linked to the Citizens and Communities directorate has been provided (see appendix B). Other Scrutiny Boards will consider elements of the budget proposals relevant to their terms of reference.

3.	Any comments or recommendations made by the Scrutiny Board will need to be submitted to the Deputy Chief Executive no later than 29th January 2016 in order that the Executive Board can consider these comments at its meeting on 10th February 2016 prior to submission of the proposed budget to full Council on 24th February 2016.

4.   The Assistant Chief Executive (Citizens and Communities) and relevant Executive Members have been invited to the 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 attached report and summary note and agree any comments and/or recommendations to be submitted.

Background documents[1]

6.   None

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[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.