

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (Citizens and Communities)

Date: 9th January 2017

Subject: Initial Budget Proposals for 2017/18

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 2017/18. 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 be fed back to the Executive Board at its meeting on 8th February 2017 prior to submission of the proposed budget to full Council.
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 agree any comments and/or recommendations to be submitted.

Background documents¹

6. None

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.