

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (Children and Families)

Date: 14 December 2017

Subject: Services Best Council Plan Refresh for 2018/19-2020/21 – Initial Proposals

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. On 13 December 2017 the Executive Board is due to consider an approach for refreshing the Best Council Plan. The Budget and Policy Framework defines a process which includes referral to Scrutiny for consideration. The Executive Board report is appended which fully details the initial proposals.
2. The appended Best Council Plan initial proposal provides a full overview of the council's priorities and ambitions to provide context, however the focus of Scrutiny Board (Children and Families) is in relation to the areas relating to Children and Families.
3. The Scrutiny Board will have the opportunity at its meeting to raise any specific area of concern or questions with regard to the initial proposals that fall within its portfolio area. Any conclusions, observations and recommendations that are made by Scrutiny Board (Children and Families) will be fed back to Executive Board prior to the revised Best Council Plan being referred to full Council. Each Scrutiny Board will be undertaking a similar level of focus for their defined areas of responsibility.
4. The Director of Children and Families and a representative from the Resources and Housing Directorate has been invited to present the Best Council Plan initial proposals and address any further questions from the Board.

Recommendations

The Scrutiny Board (Children and Families) is recommended to:

- a) Consider the appended report and the Best Council Plan initial proposals and provide input to help shape the emerging Best Council Plan.
- b) Make recommendations for consideration by Executive Board as deemed appropriate.

Background documents

None¹

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.