

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (Strategy and Resources)

Date: 21 December 2017

Subject: Initial Budget Proposals for 2018/19

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 Chief Officer – Financial Services submitted the attached report to the Executive Board, which sets out the Initial Budget Proposals for 2018/19. The proposals are subsequently submitted to Scrutiny for consideration and review.
2. Any comments or recommendations made by the Scrutiny Board will need to be submitted to the Chief Officer – Financial Services by the end of January 2018 in order that the Executive Board can consider these at its meeting in February 2018; and prior to submission of the proposed budget to full Council on 21 February 2018.
3. Other Scrutiny Boards will consider elements of the budget proposals relevant to individual terms of reference.
4. As in previous years, it is intended to produce a summary of the discussion and comments from all Scrutiny Boards in order to make a single submission to Executive Board.
5. While the main focus of the discussion relates to the 2018/19 budget proposals, the Scrutiny Board may also wish to consider the anticipated medium to longer-term budget pressures likely to be faced by Council and consider any areas where early involvement of the Scrutiny Board may help inform future proposals / approaches.

6. Relevant Executive Members and Directors (or their nominees) have been invited to the meeting to discuss the Executive's initial budget proposals.

Recommendations

7. The Scrutiny Board (Strategy and Resources) is recommended to:
 - (a) Consider the Executive's initial budget proposals as set out in the attached Executive Board report;
 - (b) Identify any comments and/or recommendations to be submitted for consideration by the Executive Board; and
 - (c) Consider any areas where early involvement of the Scrutiny Board may help inform future budget proposals or approaches.

Background documents¹

8. 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.