

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Resources and Council Services)

Date: 7th November 2011

Subject: Financial Health Monitoring 2011/12 – Month 6 Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:		
Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

1. At its September meeting the Board agreed to receive monthly updates on the budget. It was also agreed that on occasions the Board would focus on a particular budget area.
2. The Board agreed in October that for today's meeting the focus would be on Children's Services. To that end officers from the Children's Directorate have been invited to attend along with the Executive Board Member, Councillor Blake and the Chair of Scrutiny Board (Children and Families), Councillor Chapman. The Chief Officer (Financial Management) will also be in attendance to respond to any general budget questions.
3. Attached as Appendix 1 is a report on the financial health of the authority at the half year stage of the financial year 2011/12 in respect of the revenue budget and the Housing Revenue Account.

Recommendations

4. Members are asked to;

- (i) Note the Council's Financial Performance for month 6
- (ii) Engage in a discussion with officers and Elected Members in relation to Children's Services.

Background documents.

5. None used