

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Safer and Stronger Communities)

Date: 14th January 2013

Subject: Initial 2013/14 budget proposals – draft comments of the Scrutiny Board

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
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Summary of main issues

1. During its December meeting, the Scrutiny Board considered the initial 2013/14 budget proposals relevant to its portfolio. These are attached again for information. It was agreed that a working group meeting would also be held on 8th January 2013 to allow a further opportunity for Board Members to consider these proposals.
2. Following this working group meeting, a report summarising the observations and recommendations of the Scrutiny Board in relation to these budget proposals will be circulated separately and the Board will be asked to agree this summary report during today's meeting. Once agreed, this will be forwarded to the Resources and Council Services Scrutiny Board and will form part a composite statement from Scrutiny to be reported to Executive Board in February 2013.

Recommendations

3. Members are asked to consider and agree the report summarising the Scrutiny Board's observations and recommendations in relation to the initial 2013/14 budget proposals relevant to the Scrutiny Board's portfolio.

Background documents ¹

4. 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.