

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Resources and Council Services)

Date: 18th March 2013

Subject: Income, Charging and Trading

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. The Budget Plus approach was established in summer 2012. The Budget Plus Programme provides for ten inter-related strands of work to help deliver the Best City and Best Council ambitions and the Council's financial plan.
2. The Budget Plus Programme will shape the new Business Plan and offers coherence and clarity of linkages for us to work better together across the Council and with our key delivery partners and ensure engagement with key groups
3. The Programme will enable better engagement and communications and help ensure that the right capacity is attached to priorities. The Programme contains a mixture of strands with four having a service or outcome focus and six which are more enabling or organisational.
4. The ten strands are business improvement; organisational design and alternative delivery models; assets; area working; income, charging and trading; waste; looked after children; better lives programme; good economic growth; and organisational development.
5. This Scrutiny Board has in the past shown a great interest in Income, charging and trading and has made associated recommendations to the Executive as part of the budget process. In light of this the Board has invited Doug Meeson, Chief Officer, Financial Management, who is leading on this strand to attend today's Scrutiny

Board meeting to discuss the project and desired outcomes. A briefing note on the project is provided as Appendix 1

Recommendations

6. Members are asked to discuss with officers, Income, charging and trading and make appropriate comment and recommendations.

7. Background papers¹

None used

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.