

Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support

Report to Scrutiny Board (Strategy and Resources)

Date: 19 December 2016

Subject: Initial Budget Proposals for 2017/18

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:		
Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

1. In accordance with the Council's Budget and Policy Framework, the Deputy Chief Executive submitted to the Executive Board the attached report which sets out the Initial Budget Proposals for 2017/18. The proposals are subsequently submitted to Scrutiny for consideration and review.
2. Other Scrutiny Boards will consider elements of the budget proposals relevant to their individual terms of reference.
3. Any comments or recommendations made by the Scrutiny Board will need to be submitted to the Deputy Chief Executive by the end of January 2017 in order that the Executive Board can consider these comments at its meeting in February 2017 prior to submission of the proposed budget to full Council on 22 February 2016.
4. During the previous municipal year, the Scrutiny Board (Strategy and Resources) agreed a series of recommendations following its inquiry into Fees and Charges. A summary of the agreed recommendations and desired outcomes are appended to this report for ease of reference.

5. The Scrutiny Board's Fees and Charges inquiry report and recommendations were presented to the Executive Board at its meeting on 10 February 2016. The relevant extract from the Executive Board minutes is detailed below:
- (c) That, in respect of the Scrutiny Report on Fees & Charges attached as Appendix 2 of the submitted report:*
- (i) That the report from scrutiny be welcomed and the proposed changes to the Fees and Charges Policy and Best Practice Guidance be agreed.*
- (ii) That it be noted that in relation to non-residential Adult Social Care Services, the recommendation that officers consider the potential to either increase or remove the current cap on the amount anyone pays for their services per week has been addressed and proposals are included in a separate report on Adult Social Care charging elsewhere on agenda for consideration (minute 134 refers).*
- (iii) That officers be tasked with consideration of the other recommendations proposed by Scrutiny and report back to Executive Board as appropriate.*
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. Members are asked to consider the Executive's initial budget proposals as set out in the attached report and agree any comments and/or recommendations to be submitted.

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.