

Agenda Item:

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**Report of the Head of Scrutiny Support and Member Development**

**Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)**

**Date: 30 January 2008**

**Subject: Budgetary Issues and Considerations**

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**Electoral Wards Affected: All**

**Specific Implications For:**

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the Gap

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**1.0 Introduction**

1.1 Over recent meetings, the Board have identified particular service areas where it wished to consider the impact of the proposed budget. In particular, the identified issues/ areas included:

- Funding and affordability issues regarding the delivery of the Integrated Waste Strategy for Leeds, particularly in relation to the roll-out of recycling schemes across the City and delivery of the Waste Solution project.
- Projects and services associated with addressing Anti Social Behaviour, particularly where time-limited funding arrangements are in place.

**2.0 Report issues**

2.1 Attached at Appendix 1 is the Executive Board report '**Developing the Financial Plan 2008-2013**', which was considered on 19 December 2007: Forming the basis of the initial budget proposals for 2008/09, Appendix 1 sets out the Council's financial position in the current year, the likely impact of the Comprehensive Spending Review 2007, and outlines how these have impacted on developing the methodology for the new Financial Plan.

2.2 When considering the attached report, Executive Board resolved:

***'That the allocation of resources to services as outlined in the report be approved as the basis for the new Financial Plan and that the report be approved for consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.'***

- 2.3 The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods and a representative from Finance have been invited to attend the meeting to outline the implications of the report in more detail (as it relates to the remit of the Board) and address any specific questions/ issues raised by Members of the Board.

### **3.0 Recommendation**

- 3.1 The Board is requested to consider the information detailed in Appendix 1 and, subject to any deliberations at the meeting:
- 3.1.1 Determine any areas for further action/ scrutiny;
  - 3.1.2 Make any appropriate recommendations.