

# Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

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## Scrutiny of the Medium Term Financial Plan (7)



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### Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and Partnerships

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#### Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide an update to Members of Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on the proposed approach to scrutiny of the Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/18 – 2019/20.

#### Background

- 2 In July 2016, a report to Cabinet set out the details on the development of the 2017/18 budget, the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP(7)) and Council Plan/Service Plans 2017/18 to 2019/20 and a review of the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme.
- 3 In previous years, the Cabinet report has been presented to OSMB, with a recommendation for OSMB to commission CIOSC to look at the MTFP as per the terms of reference of that committee.

#### Proposed Approach

- 4 It is proposed this year to hold a Special Joint meeting of CIOSC and OSMB Members on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2016, with a one item agenda of MTFP 7. At that meeting, Members will be able to identify any queries or areas requiring supplementary information, and these can be discussed in more detail.
- 5 Members have previously asked for early information, and as a result of this request, the Cabinet report includes information on the 2017/18 savings options, reflecting the need for the Council to consider early the scale of the savings options to ensure detailed consultation can occur in these areas.
- 6 Scrutiny of the MTFP and budget will continue to the timetable for the MTFP process, as below:

Date	Action
20 July	MTFP/Council Plan report to Cabinet
September / October	MTFP/Council Plan consultation process
27 September	Special Joint meeting of Corporate Issues Scrutiny

Date	Action
	Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
November / December	2017/18 Finance Settlement announced by DCLG
14 December	MTFP/Tax Base /Consultation Update report to Cabinet
26 January 2017	CIOSC (joint with OSMB) consider 14 December Cabinet Report
8 February 2017	Budget Report to Cabinet
13 February 2017	OSMB (joint with CIOSC) meeting to consider budget
22 February 2017	Council Budget and MTFP report

## Recommendations

7 It is recommended that Members of OSMB:

- (i) Refer the detailed scrutiny of the MTFP to the Corporate Issues Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as per the terms of reference of that committee;
- (ii) Note that a Special Joint Corporate Issues Overview and Scrutiny Committee/Overview and Scrutiny Management Board be held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2016 to discuss the information in the July Cabinet Report.

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance** – The report sets out arrangements to scrutinise MTFP (7) proposals.

**Staffing** – The savings proposals in MTFP (7) will impact upon employees.

**Risk** – None specific within this report.

**Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty** – Equalities considerations are built into the proposed approach to developing MTFP (7)

**Accommodation** – None specific within this report.

**Crime and Disorder** – None specific within this report.

**Human Rights** – Any human rights issues will be considered for any detailed MTFP (7) proposals as they are developed.

**Consultation** – This report sets out scrutiny input into MTFP (7) consultation.

**Procurement** – None specific to this report.

**Disability Issues** – All requirements will be considered as part of equalities considerations.

**Legal Implications** – None specific within this report.