

**Special Joint meeting of Corporate
Issues Overview and Scrutiny Committee
and Overview and Scrutiny Management
Board**



27 September 2016

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

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

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide Members of Corporate Issues Overview and Scrutiny Committee (CIOSC) and Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) with the July Cabinet report on the Medium Term Financial Plan (7) for consideration and comment (full Cabinet report attached at appendix 2).

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 It was agreed at OSMB on 16th September 2016 that detailed scrutiny of the MTFP continues to be undertaken by CIOSC with OSMB Members invited to attend, as per the terms of reference of that committee, and that a special joint meeting be held to receive and comment upon the July Cabinet report. This would enable Members to identify any queries or areas requiring supplementary information, and hold more detailed discussion.

Timetable

- 4 Members have previously asked for early information. 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.
- 5 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 Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
November / December	2017/18 Finance Settlement announced by DCLG
16 November	Tax Base/Collection Fund report to Cabinet
14 December	MTFP /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

6 It is recommended that Members of CIOSC/OSMB:

- (i) Consider and comment upon the July Cabinet report on Medium Term Financial Plan (7), Council Plan, Service Plans 2017/18-2019/20 and Review of the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2016/17;
- (ii) Note the timetable for subsequent scrutiny discussions.

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Appendix 1: Implications

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.