

**Corporate Overview and Scrutiny
Management Board**

13 September 2019



**Medium Term Financial Plan (10)
2020/21 to 2023/24 and Review of the
Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme
for 2020/21**

Report of Corporate Management Team

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Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide Members of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (COSMB) with an update on the proposed approach to scrutiny of the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2020/21 to 2023/24 and review of the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2020/21.
- 2 COSMB have prioritised scrutiny of the MTFP and budget as part of their work programme.

Executive summary

- 3 In July 2019, a report to Cabinet set out an update of the development of the Medium-Term Financial Plan (10) 2020/21 to 2023/24 and a review of the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2020/21.
- 4 The report highlighted the period of significant financial uncertainty that local government is operating in and the current financial challenges faced by the Council.

Recommendation(s)

- 5 Members are asked to:

- (a) Consider and comment upon the July Cabinet report on the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2020/21 to 2023/24 and review of the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2020/21.
- (b) Note the timetable for scrutiny discussions.

Background

- 6 The Cabinet report includes information on
- (a) an update on the development of the 2020/21 budget since the Council agreed its MTFP(9) strategy on 20 February 2019;
 - (b) an update on the MTFP(10) savings forecast for the period 2020/21 to 2023/24;
 - (c) a draft MTFP(10) decision making timetable;
 - (d) proposed approach for consultation of MTFP(10);
 - (e) workforce implications;
 - (f) equality considerations;
 - (g) consideration of the proposed Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) for 2020/21.
- 7 COSMB has prioritised scrutiny of the MTFP and budget as part of the work programme. It is proposed that scrutiny of the MTFP and budget will be according to the MTFP process as below. The Board will be notified of any variations to the overall MTFP timetable which might occur.

Date	Action
10 July	MTFP report to Cabinet
13 September	Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board consider 10 July Cabinet Report
11 December	MTFP report to Cabinet – outcome of Comprehensive Spending Review and Autumn Statement
16 December	Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board consider 11 December Cabinet Report
15 January	MTFP report to Cabinet – analysis of provisional local government settlement

Date	Action
27 January	Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board consider 15 January Cabinet Report
12 February	Budget Report to Cabinet
14 February	Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board consider 12 February Cabinet Report
26 February	Council Budget and MTFP report

Background papers

- None

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

None specific with the report.

Finance

The report sets out the arrangements to scrutinise MTFP (10) proposals.

Consultation

The report includes information on the consultation process.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

Equality considerations are built into the approach to developing MTFP (10) as a key element of the process.

Human Rights

Any Human Rights issues will be considered for any detailed MTFP (10) proposals as they are developed and decisions made to take these forward.

Crime and Disorder

None specific with the report.

Staffing

The savings proposals in MTFP (10) will impact upon employees.

Accommodation

None specific within this report.

Risk

None specific within this report.

Procurement

None specific within this report.

**Appendix 2: Medium Term Financial Plan (10), 2020/21 - 2023/24
and Review of the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme for
2020/21**

Attached as a separate document.