

**Corporate Overview and Scrutiny  
Management Board**

**29 October 2020**

**Budget 2021/22 and Medium Term  
Financial Plan (11) 2021/22 to 2024/25**



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**Report of Corporate Management Team**

**John Hewitt, Corporate Director of Resources**

**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 Budget 2021/22 and the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2021/22 to 2024/25.
- 2 COSMB have prioritised scrutiny of the MTFP and budget as part of their work programme.

**Executive summary**

- 3 The report to Cabinet sets out the plan for the MTFP (11) covering the four year period from 2021/22 to 2023/24.
- 4 The report highlights the period of significant financial uncertainty that local government is operating in and the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on the council's expenditure, income and government funding levels.

**Recommendation(s)**

- 5 Members are asked to:
  - (a) Consider and comment upon the October Cabinet report on the MTFP (11) 2021/22 to 2024/25.
  - (b) Note the timetable for scrutiny discussions.

## Background

- 6 The Cabinet report includes information on
- (a) an update on the development of the 2021/22 budget since the Council agreed its MTFP (10) strategy on 26 February 2020;
  - (b) an update on the MTFP (11) savings forecast for the period 2021/22 to 2024/25;
  - (c) a draft MTFP (11) decision making timetable;
  - (d) proposed approach for consultation of MTFP (11);
  - (e) workforce implications;
  - (f) equality considerations.
- 7 COSMB has prioritised scrutiny of the MTFP and budget as part of the committee's 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
14 October 2020	MTFP report to Cabinet
29 October 2020	Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board consider 14 October Cabinet report
16 December 2020	MTFP report to Cabinet – outcome of Comprehensive Spending Review and Autumn Statement
17 December 2020	Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board consider 16 December Cabinet report
13 January 2021	MTFP report to Cabinet – analysis of provisional local government settlement
TBC	Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board consider 13 January Cabinet report
10 February 2021	Budget report to Cabinet
TBC	Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board consider 10 February Cabinet report

Date	Action
27 February 2021	Council Budget and MTFP report

### Background papers

- None

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **Legal Implications**

None specific with the report.

### **Finance**

The report sets out the arrangements to scrutinise MTFP (11) 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 (11) as a key element of the process.

### **Climate Change**

The impact of final budget decisions will take into account climate change impacts

### **Human Rights**

Any Human Rights issues will be considered for any detailed MTFP (11) 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 (11) will impact upon employees.

### **Accommodation**

None specific within this report.

### **Risk**

None specific within this report.

### **Procurement**

None specific within this report.

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**Appendix 2: Medium Term Financial Plan (11), 2021/22 - 2024/25**

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Attached as a separate document.