

**Joint Corporate Issues
Overview and Scrutiny Committee and
Overview and Scrutiny Management Board**



26th January 2017

Medium Term Financial Plan (7)

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Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide Members of the Corporate Issues Overview and Scrutiny Committee (CIOSC) and Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) with a summary of the Cabinet report of 14th December 2016 relating to the Medium Term Financial Plan 7 (MTFP 7).

Background

- 2 In 2016, Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) requested that CIOSC take the lead in scrutinising MTFP proposals, with members of OSMB i.e. Chairs and Vice-chairs and minority party leaders invited to attend. Initial discussions were held at a joint CIOSC/OSMB meeting in September 2016 on the initial MTFP report. A second scrutiny discussion was held on 25th November to consider:
 - a) the updated MTFP (7) model
 - b) the consultation process
 - c) verbal update on the Autumn Statement.
- 3 This next scrutiny session is focused on the 14th December Cabinet Report (attached at Appendix 2), which provides a further update on the Autumn Statement, the full budget consultation results, and the latest MTFP model.
- 4 The detailed report includes information on:
 - a) the Autumn Statement
 - b) National Budget deficit
 - c) Autumn Budget
 - d) Welfare
 - e) Insurance Premium Tax
 - f) National Insurance
 - g) Grammar Schools Capital
 - h) National Living Wage
 - i) National Productivity Investment Fund
 - j) 2017/18 Budget and Savings
 - k) Budget Consultation Process
 - l) Other engagement, including scrutiny committee feedback
 - m) Proposed approach to the development of the Council Plan and Service Plans
 - n) Equality Impact Assessments.

- 5 The Executive Summary highlights the current financial challenges faced by the Council and the Head of Corporate Finance will be in attendance to present and respond to Member questions.
- 6 The feedback from the initial scrutiny considerations was fed into the Cabinet report and is set out at paragraphs 83-89.

Updated timetable for Scrutiny Involvement

- 7 Scrutiny Members are being involved as follows:

Date	Action
27 September 2016	Special Joint meeting of Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Management Board consider the Cabinet report of 20 th July 2016.
25 November 2016	Special Joint Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Management Board consider the updated MTFP model, consultation process, and Autumn Statement headlines.
26 January 2017	Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee (joint with Overview and Scrutiny Management Board) consider the Cabinet report of 14 th December 2016.
13 February 2017	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (joint with Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee) consider the Cabinet report of 8 th February 2017.

Recommendation

- 8 Members are asked to:
 - a) consider the content of the Cabinet report, and provide any additional scrutiny comments at this stage;
 - b) note the date for the final Scrutiny discussion.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance

Financial implications are identified within Appendix 1 of the Cabinet report of 14th December 2016

Staffing

Staffing implications are identified within Appendix 1 of the Cabinet report of 14th December 2016

Risk

Risk implications are identified within Appendix 1 of the Cabinet report of 14th December 2016

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

Equality considerations are built into the approach to developing MTFP(7) as a key element of the process.

Accommodation

None

Crime and Disorder

None

Human Rights

Any Human Rights issues will be considered for any detailed MTFP(7) and Council Plan proposals as they are developed and decisions made to take these forward.

Consultation

The report includes information on the consultation process.

Procurement

None

Disability Issues

All requirements will be considered as part of the equality process followed as part of MTFP(7) planning.

Legal Implications

None