

Time began 6.00pm

Time ended 8.15pm

COUNCIL CABINET 15 FEBRUARY 2011

Present Councillor Holmes (Chair)
Councillors Grimadell, Ingall, Marshall, Poulter and Webb

In attendance Councillors Bayliss and Jones

This record of decisions was published on 17 February 2011. The key decisions set out in this record will come into force and may be implemented on the expiry of five clear days unless a key decision is called in.

195/10 Recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions on the draft Revenue and Capital Budgets 2011/12 – 2013/14

The Council Cabinet considered a report on recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Commissions on the draft Revenue and Capital Budgets 2011/12 – 2013/14.

The Revenue Budget proposals were considered by the five Overview and Scrutiny Commissions at their meetings in January/February 2011. The Capital Budget proposals were considered by the Scrutiny Management Commission on 1 February.

Appropriate Cabinet Members and chief officers were supplied with the individual commissions' recommendations immediately after the wording was finalised by the respective chair and vice chair. This repeated the practice trialled in 2010 and allowed the fullest consideration to be given to the scrutiny input.

The recommendations of the individual Commissions and the reasons for those recommendations were as set out in the Appendices to the report.

The process set out in the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules required the Cabinet to formally consider the reports of the overview and scrutiny commissions and report to Council on how it had taken into account any recommendations made.

The Council Cabinet also considered a supplementary report from the Scrutiny Management Commission on Stage 2 of the Revenue Budget Proposals and a response from the Council Cabinet to the recommendations.

Decision

To take the recommendations of the overview and scrutiny commissions into account when considering the capital and revenue budgets (minutes numbers 196/10 and 197/10)

196/10 General Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2011/12 *[part only]*

Decision

To recommend to Council the following ...

12. To note the feedback from the budget consultation and approve the Council Cabinet response to the consultation recommendations at Appendix 6 of the report.

Commission	Recommendations	Response from Cabinet
Children and Young People	<p>Children Centres</p> <p>The Commission recommends that £500,000 is moved from the general reserve to save the proposed closure of six children's centres.</p>	Cabinet do not agree with using the general reserve to support changes to the budget.
Children and Young People	<p>Youth Service</p> <p>The Commission recommends that the cost of running the 11 youth service sessions per week which are proposed as a net cut be restored to the youth service budget.</p>	<p>The recommendation will not result in a net saving in the Council's budget. Youth Services will be considered further as part of the allocation of Early Intervention Grant.</p>
Scrutiny Management	<p>Report on Capital Budgets</p> <p>a) That Council Cabinet note the Commission a) support the £2m for emergency works at Lees Brook School as these are essential to keep the school open b) reiterate the need to secure central government funding for a full rebuild and c) request a report back to a future meeting.</p>	Cabinet note this endorsement and will continue to lobby for additional funding and will report back to the Commission.