

Cabinet Member for Corporate Policy

Revenue Budget Consultation 2007/8 to 2009/10

SUMMARY

- 1.1 It is proposed to launch a period of consultation on the Council's revenue budget. Details were approved at the Corporate Policy, Personnel, Performance Management and Economic Development Cabinet members meeting on 19 December 2006. The period of consultation commences on 9 January 2007 and proceeds through to 1 March 2007, when Council will agree a budget and level of council tax.
- 1.2 Individual Cabinet members have been working over the autumn period with their respective Chief Officers to formulate budget plans in response to the budget strategy approved by Council in September 2006.
- 1.3 Consultation documents are being tabled at this meeting which sets out those responses. It should be made clear that the Cabinet itself will form its collective view on the budget at its meeting of 21 February 2007, after receiving comments from stakeholders and consultees.
- 1.4 An initial meeting has been arranged immediately after this briefing to present the main features of the consultation budget. More detailed examinations of Cabinet member proposals will be carried out at overview and scrutiny meetings during January.
- 1.5 Subject to any issues raised at the meeting, I support the following recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION

2.1 To release the budget consultation document prepared by individual Cabinet members and their chief officers for consideration by Overview and Scrutiny commissions and other consultees.



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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Report of Cabinet Member covers the key issues.
- 1.2 Consultation and Communication programme is in line with previous good practice involving as wide a stakeholder group as possible.

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. The consultation document contains financial proposals towards setting a balanced budget.

Legal

2. Consultation on the revenue budget forms part of the formal process leading towards the approval of a balanced budget by Council on 1 March 2007.

Personnel

3. The consultation proposals may have implications for staffing numbers. These will be described in the documents and where changes are proposed will be subject to employee and trade union consultation in the normal manner.

Equalities impact

4. None directly arising.

Corporate priorities

5. The Council's overall budget strategy is being developed in the context of the Council's overall objectives and priorities.