



Budget Consultation Meeting Schedule

RECOMMENDATION

1. To note the attached consultation schedule and the proposed approach for the meetings.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

2.1 Attached at Appendix 2 is a schedule of budget consultation meetings for 2005 including those for Scrutiny Commissions

2.2 The proposed arrangements for those meetings are as follows:

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| January | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All scrutiny commissions invited to a presentation by the Director of Finance covering the Government financial settlement and the overall budget proposals submitted by departments. This will also include feedback on the results of the SIMALTO budget consultation exercise. |
| January/February | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual Scrutiny Commissions will examine their specific areas in detail. Relevant Cabinet Members and Chief Officers will attend these meetings.• Scrutiny Management Commission will examine their own particular budget area but will also take an overview of the Council's budget and the Leader, Chief Executive and Director of Finance will attend the meeting. |

2.3 Minutes from the meetings will be presented to Cabinet prior to making any recommendations on the budget to Council.

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| Background papers: | None |
| List of appendices: | Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Budget Meeting Schedule 2005 |

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| IMPLICATIONS |
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Financial

1. None directly arising from the report. The involvement of scrutiny commissions in the budget process is considered a key component of the consultation process.

Legal

2. The Council has to set a balanced and funded budget each year.

Personnel

3. None directly arising.

Equalities impact

4. Consultation meetings take place with the Minority Ethnic Communities Advisory Committee (MECAC) and the Disabled People's Advisory Committee (DPAC).

Corporate Objectives and Priorities for Change

5. The budget process seeks to change the allocation of budgets to corporate priorities, as well as deliver a specific priority of minimising increases in council tax and promoting value for money.

BUDGET MEETINGS SCHEDULE 2005

| DATE | NAME |
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| No Formal Meeting | Young Peoples Forum |
| No Formal Meeting | Older Peoples Forum |
| 11 January 6.00pm | All members of Scrutiny Commissions |
| 12 January 6.30pm | Area Panel 1 |
| 12 January 6.00pm | Area Panel 2 |
| 13 January 6.30pm | DPAC |
| 17 January 6.00pm | Education Commission |
| 18 January 6.00pm | Culture and Prosperity |
| 19 January 6.00pm | Area Panel 3 |
| 19 January 6.30pm | Area Panel 4 |
| 20 January 11am | CJC/CSC |
| 20 January 6.00pm | Plan and Environment |
| 24 January 6.00pm | Teachers / Governors |
| 24 January 6.00pm | Social Care and Health |
| 25 January 6.00pm | Community Regeneration |
| 25 January 2pm | Partners and Business |
| 31 Jan 6.00pm | Scrutiny Management |
| 1 February 6.30pm | WAC |
| 2 February 7.00pm | Area Panel 5 |
| 3 February 6.30pm | MECAC |
| TBA | Staff |
| 22 Feb 6.00pm | Cabinet |
| 2 March 6.00pm | Council |