

<p><b>CABINET MEETING – 18 JANUARY 2024</b></p> <p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I</b></p>	
<p><b>Title of Report:</b> Response from Scrutiny Coordinating Committee – 7 December 2023 – Budget Planning Framework and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2024/2025 - 2027/2028</p>	
<p><b>Author(s):</b> Assistant Director of Law and Governance</p>	
<p><b>Purpose of Report:</b> To advise the Cabinet of the comments of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee on a report of the Director of Finance that detailed the outcome of the Budget Planning Framework and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2024/2025 to 2027/2028.</p>	
<p><b>Description of Decision:</b> That the Cabinet be requested to consider the comments of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee.</p>	
<p><b>Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?</b>      Yes</p>	
<p><b>If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework</b></p>	
<p><b>Suggested reason(s) for Decision:</b> To comply with statutory requirements.</p>	
<p><b>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:</b> There are no alternative options recommended for approval.</p>	
<p><b>Impacts analysed;</b></p> <p>Equality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Privacy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crime and Disorder <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p><b>Is the Decision consistent with the Council’s co-operative values?</b>      Yes</p>	
<p><b>Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution?</b>      Yes</p>	
<p><b>Is it included in the 28 day Notice of Decisions?</b>      Yes</p>	



**RESPONSE FROM SCRUTINY COORDINATING COMMITTEE – 7 DECEMBER 2023 – BUDGET PLANNING FRAMEWORK AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2024/2025 to 2027/2028****Report of the Assistant Director of Law and Governance****1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report advises the Cabinet of the comments of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee at its meeting held on 7 December 2023, on a report of the Director of Finance which advised Members of the Budget Planning Framework and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2024/2025 to 2027/2028.

**2. Description of Decision (Recommendations)**

- 2.1 Cabinet is requested to consider the comments of the Scrutiny Coordinating

**3. Background**

- 3.1 The Cabinet, at its meeting on 7 December 2023, gave consideration to a report of the Director of Finance. The report gave details of the Budget Planning Framework and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2024/2025 to 2027/2028.

Cabinet agreed to:-

- note the summary MTFP set out at section 3 of the report and note that the full MTFP 2024/2025 to 2027/2028 will be presented to Cabinet in February 2024; and
  - approve the provisional budget savings proposals, as a basis for budget consultation, prior to the receipt of the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2024/2025.
- 3.2 The report was referred to the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee for advice and consideration.

**4. Comments of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee**

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee commented as follows:

The Scrutiny Committee notes the contents of the report including the medium-term financial and budget planning framework and acknowledges the budget saving proposals as well as the remaining overall budget gap.

The Committee recognises the difficult financial situation that the Council continues to operate within and remains focused on monitoring the budget position through updates provided at this Committee and has no further comments to make at this time.

**5. Reason for Decision**

5.1 To comply with statutory requirements.

**6. Alternative Options**

6.1 There are no alternative options recommended for approval.

**7. Background Papers**

Report to the Cabinet on 7 December 2023  
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