

<b>CABINET MEETING – 19 JANUARY 2023</b>  <b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I</b>									
<b>Title of Report:</b> Response from Scrutiny Coordinating Committee – 8 December 2022 – Budget Planning Framework and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2023/2024 - 2026/2027									
<b>Author(s):</b> Assistant Director of Law and Governance									
<b>Purpose of Report:</b> To advise the Cabinet of the comments of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee on a report of the Assistant Director of Finance that detailed the outcome of the Budget Planning Framework and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2023/2024 to 2026/2027.									
<b>Description of Decision:</b> That the Cabinet be requested to consider the comments of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee.									
<b>Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?</b> Yes									
<b>If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework</b>									
<b>Suggested reason(s) for Decision:</b> To comply with statutory requirements.									
<b>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:</b> There are no alternative options recommended for approval.									
<b>Impacts analysed;</b> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="border: none;">Equality</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">✓</td> <td style="border: none;">Privacy</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">✓</td> <td style="border: none;">Sustainability</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">✓</td> <td style="border: none;">Crime and Disorder</td> <td style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; text-align: center; padding: 2px;">✓</td> </tr> </table>		Equality	✓	Privacy	✓	Sustainability	✓	Crime and Disorder	✓
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<b>Is the Decision consistent with the Council's co-operative values?</b> Yes									
<b>Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution?</b> Yes									
<b>Is it included in the 28 day Notice of Decisions?</b> Yes									



**RESPONSE FROM SCRUTINY COORDINATING COMMITTEE – 8 DECEMBER 2022 – BUDGET PLANNING FRAMEWORK AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2023/2024 to 2026/2027****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 8 December 2022, on a report of the Assistant Director of Finance which advised Members of the Budget Planning Framework and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2023/2024 to 2026/2027.

**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 8 December 2022, gave consideration to a report of the Assistant Director of Finance. The report gave details of the Budget Planning Framework and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2023/2024 to 2026/2027.

Cabinet agreed to:-

- note the summary MTFP set out at section 3 of the report and note that the full MTFP 2023/2024 to 2026/2027 will be presented to Cabinet in February 2023; and
  - approve the provisional budget savings proposals, as a basis for budget consultation, prior to the receipt of the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2023/2024.
- 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 Coordinating Committee acknowledges the information contained in the detailed report as well as noting a number of uncertainties that remain around funding and the local government settlement which will be resolved in due course.

The Committee would also recommend that serious consideration is given to limiting any rises in council tax given the current financial climate and the impact this will have on residents of the City and the services they need to access.

The Committee would also recommend that consideration is given to the way we communicate with residents in the future and if a printed newsletter is needed.

The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee would also acknowledge the hard work of officers and members in the preparation of the budget and the medium-term financial plan.

The Committee will continue to monitor the budget through these reports and has no further comment 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 8 December 2022

Minutes of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee 8 December 2022