

**REFERENCE FROM CABINET – 21 OCTOBER 2015**

**BUDGET PLANNING FRAMEWORK 2016/2017 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2016/2017 – 2019/2020**

**Report of the Head of Law and Governance**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To seek the views of this Committee on a report considered by Cabinet on 21 October 2015 on the proposed budget planning framework which will guide the preparation of the Revenue Budget for 2016/2017.

**2. Background and Current Position**

- 2.1 The Cabinet, at its meeting held on 21 October 2015, gave consideration to a report of the Interim Head of Paid Service and Director of Finance. The report identified the key factors influencing the development of the Council's financial plans into the medium term and set out the budget planning framework for the Council for 2016/2017. The report set out the headlines and context for the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016/2017 to 2019/2020 which would be formally considered in due course.
- 2.2 Copies of the 21 October 2015, Cabinet Agenda were made available to all Members of the Council. The Cabinet:-
- agreed the proposed Budget Planning Framework summarised at Section 11 of the report which will guide the preparation of the Revenue Budget for 2016/2017
  - noted that the full Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016/2017 to 2019/2020 will be presented to Cabinet in February

**3. Conclusion**

- 3.1 The report is referred to the Scrutiny Committee for its comments, in the context of the approved consultation arrangements for the Council's Budget. Comments from the Scrutiny Committee will be reported direct to Council on 25 November 2015.

**4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee is invited to give its comments to Council on the attached report of the Interim Head of Paid Service and Director of Finance.

## **5. Background Papers**

5.1 Cabinet Agenda, 21 October 2015.

5.2 A copy of the Agenda is available for inspection from the Head of Law and Governance or can be viewed on-line at:-

<http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/cm5/Meetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/8593/Committee/1890/Default.aspx>

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