

## CABINET MEETING – 16 NOVEMBER 2021

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

**Title of Report:**

Response from Scrutiny Coordinating Committee – 14 October 2021 – Budget Planning Framework and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/2023 – 2025/2026

**Author(s):**

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**Purpose of Report:**

To advise the Cabinet of the comments of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee on a report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services that sets out the Council's Budget Planning Framework and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/2023 – 2025/2026.

**Description of Decision:**

That the Cabinet be requested to consider the comments of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee.

**Is the decision consistent with the Budget/Policy Framework?** Yes

**If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/Policy Framework**

**Suggested reason(s) for Decision:**

To comply with statutory requirements.

**Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected:**

There are no alternative options recommended for approval.

**Impacts analysed;**

Equality ☒ Privacy ☒ Sustainability ☒ Crime and Disorder ☒

**Is the Decision consistent with the Council's co-operative values?** Yes

**Is this a "Key Decision" as defined in the Constitution?** Yes

**Is it included in the 28 day Notice of Decisions?** Yes



**RESPONSE FROM SCRUTINY COORDINATING COMMITTEE – 14 OCTOBER 2021  
– BUDGET PLANNING FRAMEWORK AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL  
STRATEGY 2022/2023 – 2025/2026****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 14 October, on a report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services which advised Members of the Council's Budget Planning Framework and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/2023 – 2025/2026.

**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 12 October 2021, gave consideration to a report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services. The report gave details of the Budget Planning Framework and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/2023 – 2025/2026.

Cabinet agreed to:-

- To note the summary MTFP set out at section 3 of the report and note that the full MTFP 2022/2023 to 2025/2026 will be presented to Cabinet in February 2022;
  - To approve the proposed Budget Planning Framework set out at section 4 of the report which will guide the preparation of the Revenue Budget for 2022/2023 and
  - To approve the consultation / communication strategy for the budget 2022/2023 as set out at section 6 of the report
  - Recommend to Council approval of the Council's Capital Strategy.
- 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 notes the budgetary information provided including the Medium Term Financial Plan, Budget Planning Framework and Capital Strategy. The Committee acknowledges the current financial situation of the Council, including the spending pressures that exist.

The Committee also recognises the importance of robust budget consultation and engagement with all stakeholders to ensure there is a clear understanding not only of the challenges and pressures that face the local authority, but also how resources are prioritised and assigned.

Finally the Committee would like to thank officers and members for their continued work. The Committee will also continue to receive budgetary information and the opportunity to scrutinise these reports.

The Committee 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 12 October 2021