

CABINET MEETING – 17 NOVEMBER 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Response from Scrutiny Coordinating Committee – 5 November 2020 – Budget Planning Framework and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/2022 – 2024/2025

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 2021/2022 – 2024/2025.

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 – 5 NOVEMBER 2020 – BUDGET PLANNING FRAMEWORK AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2021/2022 – 2024/2025**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 5 November, 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 2021/2022 – 2024/2025.

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 13 October 2020, 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 2021/2022 – 2024/2025.

Cabinet agreed to:-

- To note the summary MTFP set out at section 3 of the report and note that the full MTFP 2021/2022 to 2024/2025 will be presented to Cabinet in February 2021;
 - 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 2021/2022; and
 - To approve the consultation / communication strategy for the budget 2021/2022 as set out at section 6 of the report.
- 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 is satisfied with the budget planning framework and the medium-term financial strategy as set out in the report. The Committee recognises the various spending pressures and Central Government funding uncertainties that exist for the Council and the impact of Covid-19 on all Council services and funding.

The Committee is pleased to note that it will again be consulted on the results of the budget consultation and looks forward to receiving this at a future meeting.

The Committee would also like to put on record its appreciation for the hard work and diligence of officers and members in the budget planning process, particularly in these difficult times that we all find ourselves at present.”

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 13 October 2020