

REFERENCE FROM CABINET – 7 DECEMBER 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 the Report

- 1.1 To seek the views of this Committee on a report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services to be considered by Cabinet on 7 December 2021 which:
- Provides an update, since the Budget Planning Framework and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) report to Cabinet in October 2021, on the key factors influencing the development of the Council's financial plans into the medium term;
 - Sets out the updated headlines and context for the MTFP 2022/2023 to 2025/2026;
 - Sets out provisional budget savings proposals for 2022/2023 to assist in meeting the current budget gap, as a basis for budget consultation, prior to the receipt of the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2022/2023; and
 - Sets out the consultation / communication strategy for the budget 2022/2023.
- 1.2 Members' views are requested in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules.

2. Background and Current Position

- 2.1 Copies of the 7 December 2021, Cabinet Agenda were made available to all Members of the Council.
- 2.3 The Cabinet is recommended to agree:-
- 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; and
 - To approve the provisional additional budget savings proposals, as a basis for budget consultation, prior to the receipt of the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2022/2023.
- 2.4 Recommendations from the Cabinet meeting on 7 December will be reported verbally to the meeting.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 The report is referred to the Scrutiny Coordinating 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 back to Cabinet.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee is invited to give its comments to Cabinet on the attached report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services.

5. Background Papers

- 5.1 [Cabinet Agenda, 7 December 2021](#)
- 5.2 A copy of the Agenda is available for inspection from the Assistant Director of Law and Governance or can be viewed on-line on the links detailed in paragraph 5.1.

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