

REFERENCE FROM CABINET – 13 OCTOBER 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 the Report

- 1.1 To seek the views of this Committee on a report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services considered by Cabinet on 13 October 2020 which:
- Identified the key factors influencing the development of the Council's financial plans into the medium term and sets out the budget planning framework for the Council for 2021/2022;
 - Set out the headlines and context for the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2021/2022 to 2024/2025; and
 - Set out the consultation / communication strategy for the budget 2021/2022.
- 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 15 October 2019, Cabinet Agenda were made available to all Members of the Council. The Cabinet agreed:-
- 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. 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 to Cabinet on 17 November 2020.

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, 13 October 2020.
- 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 at:-

<https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/cm5/Meetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/10355/Committee/1953/Default.aspx>

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