

CABINET MEETING – 9 FEBRUARY 2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I

Title of Report:

Response from Scrutiny Coordinating Committee – 14 January 2021 – 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 provides an update on 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 – 14 JANUARY 2021 – 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 14 January, on a report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services that provided an update on 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 8 December 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 Medium Term Financial Plan set out at section 3 of the report and note that the full Medium Term Financial Plan 2021/2022 to 2024/2025 will be presented to Cabinet in February 2021;
- 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 2021/2022; and
- To consider and agree the revised version of the City Plan attached at Appendix 3.

- 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 Committee acknowledges that the Council continues to operate in very challenging circumstances and the current pandemic has put additional pressures on all council services. Therefore the Committee are satisfied with the contents of the report and acknowledge that a number of funding uncertainties remain and that the continued response to the pandemic only adds to these uncertainties.

The Committee also acknowledges the revised version of the City Plan in light of the Covid-19 pandemic and requests that updates on progress are provided to the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee as and when appropriate. The Committee would finally like to put on record its appreciation to all Members and Officers who continue to work extremely hard on budget planning and development of the Council's financial plans."

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 8 December 2020