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REPORT TO:	SCRUTINY & STRATEGIC OVERVIEW COMMITTEE and CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE 15TH JANUARY 2013
AGENDA ITEM:	5
SUBJECT:	COUNCIL BUDGET 2013/14
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ORIGIN OF ITEM:	This item is contained in the Committee's work programme
BRIEF FOR THE COMMITTEE:	To scrutinise the proposed 2013/14 Council Budget and review the Council's performance

1. COUNCIL BUDGET 2012/13

- 1.1 Part 4C of the Constitution outlines the process for developing the Council's annual budget. It explains that the Leader and Cabinet must publicise all proposals to Council for the adoption of any plan, strategy or budget that forms part of the Budget and Policy Framework and determine arrangements for consultation, where appropriate, after publication of the proposals. Paragraph 2b makes provision for the Scrutiny & Strategic Overview Committee to comment on the proposals and the Leader and Cabinet may take into account any response from the Scrutiny & Strategic Overview Committee.
- 1.2 At its meeting on 10th December 2012, the Cabinet approved for consultation a draft departmental efficiency programme, a draft programme of cuts, a draft Step Change programme and a draft income programme. The full proposals agreed for consultation are contained within the Cabinet report, which is attached as **Appendix A**. The public budget consultation is available online at www.croydon.gov.uk/democracy/consultations/budget-engagement/
- 1.3 The final Budget proposals will be presented to Cabinet on Monday 11th February 2013, which will agree the Budget to be considered and agreed at the full Council meeting on Tuesday 26th February 2013.

- 1.4 This report therefore invites the Scrutiny Strategic & Overview Committee to comment on the proposed Council Budget 2013/14, as proposed by Cabinet in December 2012.
- 1.5 Paragraph 1.04 of Part 4E of the Constitution also states that the statutory co-opted members representing the Church of England and Roman Catholic dioceses and the parent governor representatives have automatic rights of voting powers in connection to any matter concerning the duties and functions of the Council as an LEA (Local Education Authority). The Children & Young People Scrutiny Sub-Committee therefore also has the opportunity to comment on the proposed Council Budget 2013/14 as it includes proposals relating to education and young people.

Appendices

Appendix A – Cabinet report, 10th December 201 ‘Budget Options 2013-15’

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None