

REPORT TO:	Scrutiny and Overview Committee 6th December 2022
SUBJECT:	2023-24 Budget Update, Medium Term Financial Strategy and Savings Proposals
LEAD OFFICER:	Jane West, Corporate Director of Finance and Section 151 Officer
PUBLIC/EXEMPT:	Public

ORIGIN OF ITEM:	<p>The appended Cabinet report is the first in a series of budget reports due to be considered in the lead up to the budget being set by Council in February/March 2023.</p> <p>The report has been included on the agenda for the Scrutiny and Overview Committee to inform the budget scrutiny process</p>
BRIEF FOR THE COMMITTEE:	<p>The Scrutiny and Overview Committee is asked to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the contents of the Cabinet report on 2023-24 Budget, Medium Term Financial Strategy and Savings Proposals 2. Review the information provided with a view to, as part of the wider budget scrutiny process, forming conclusions on the 2023-24 budget, 3. Considered whether there are any specific areas of the budget to scrutinise in further detail by either the Committee or one of its Sub-Committees in January 2023.

1. 2023-24 BUDGET, MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND SAVINGS PROPOSALS

- 1.1. The Scrutiny and Overview Committee is presented with a copy of a report on 2023-24 Budget, Medium Term Financial Strategy and Savings Proposals considered by Cabinet on 30 November. This information has been provided to inform the budget scrutiny process, from which the Committee will be looking to reach a view on the 2023-24 Budget.
- 1.2. To prepare for the budget scrutiny process, members of the Committee have received a budget scrutiny training session delivered by the Centre for Governance and second session is to be delivered by the LGA. On 29 November 2022, the Committee will also receive a briefing from the Council's Section 151 Officer on the report.
- 1.3. There will be further opportunity in January and early February 2023 for both the Committee and Sub-Committee to undertake work related to budget scrutiny. As such the Committee is asked to consider whether there are any specific area that need to be scrutinised in greater detail at either a Committee or Sub-Committee meeting in the New Year.

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APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 – Cabinet Report – 23-24 Budget, Medium Term Financial Strategy and Savings Proposals

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None