

SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION	CONCLUSIONS	DEPARTMENT AND CABINET MEMBER RESPONDING	ACCEPT/ REJECT RECOMMENDATIONS (inc. reasons for rejection)	IDENTIFIED OFFICER	ANY FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS IF ACCEPTED (ie Action Plan)	DATE OF SCRUTINY MEETING TO REPORT BACK
Report: Budget 2021-22 (Considered by Scrutiny & Overview Committee on 16 February 2021)							
1. That regular monitoring reports on the budget and performance of Children and Adults Social Care is scheduled for meetings of the relevant Scrutiny Sub-Committees throughout 2021-22.	<p>a. There was concern about the deliverability of the Adults and Social Care budgets, particularly the savings which targeted a reduction in the number adults in the care system. To ensure that there was not an adverse impact, it was agreed that the budget and performance would be regularly monitored by their respective Scrutiny Sub-Committees.</p>	<p>Councillor Janet Campbell Health, Wellbeing and Adults</p>	Accept.	Annette McPartland	None.	<p>a. Adults budget is now being monitored monthly, and there are fortnightly efficiencies updates to the corporate programme steering group, and monthly updates to the Improvement panel.</p> <p>Scrutiny Clerk to ensure Budget is added to the agenda for health and social care Sub Committee and request papers as recommended.</p>	15 June 2021
	<p>b. There was concern about the deliverability of the Children's Social Care budgets, particularly the savings which targeted a reduction in the number of children in the care system. To ensure that there was not an adverse impact, it was agreed that the budget and performance of these</p>	<p>Councillor Alisa Flemming Children, Families and Education</p>	Accept.	Debbie Jones	None.	<p>b. There is a performance scorecard that goes to Children and Young People's Sub Committee as a standing item for both Education and Children's Social Care.</p>	

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	services would be regularly monitored by their respective Scrutiny Sub-Committees.					Scrutiny Clerk to ensure Budget is added to the agenda for Children and Young People's Sub Committee and request papers as recommended.	
2. That performance indicators are created which allow the Scrutiny and Overview Committee, and the wider political and corporate leadership, to monitor the effectiveness of the work to implement cultural change across the Council in regard of financial monitoring and controls.	As the delivery of the budget was predicated on changing the culture with the Council toward finance control, it was questioned how it could be demonstrated to the Committee that these cultural changes were being embedded across the organisation.	Councillors Hamida Ali, Stuart King & Callton Young Resources	Accept.	Katherine Kerswell	None.	The proof of change of culture is in results. Forecasting will be monthly publicly reported and will demonstrate the extent to which cultural change has been embraced by the organization.	15 June 2021
3. That the General Purposes and Audit Committee received regular reports on the risks identified in the budget, to provide reassurance that these were being managed effectively.	It was agreed that there should be Member oversight of the potential risks arising from the savings programme, to ensure there could be confidence that these were being managed appropriately and mitigation identified as needed. Given that risk sat within the remit of the General Purposes and Audit Committee, it would be appropriate for them to receive regular updates on the risks associated with the delivery of the budget.	Councillor Callton Young Resources	Accept.	Chris Buss	None.	Regular quarterly reports to be made GPAC after the end of each quarter so first report will be in July.	N/A As GPAC

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4. That an update be provided to the Members of the Scrutiny & Overview Committee to confirm how corporate monitoring of the budget will enable potential, unforeseen consequences arising from the savings programme to be identified at an early stage.	There remained concern that there could be potential, unforeseen consequences arising as a result of the savings programme and further reassurance was required to confirm how these would be picked up through the corporate monitoring process.	Councillors Stuart King & Callton Young Resources	Accept.	Chris Buss	None.	Commitment to publish Monthly forecast Starting with April Cabinet M 10 20/21 will enable public oversight of financial position.	15 June 2021
5. That timely updates are provided to the Scrutiny & Overview Committee on any major alterations to the Council's in-year budget over the life of the Medium Term Financial Strategy.	Although the Committee accepted the reassurance that the budget outcome for the remainder of 2020-21 was reasonably certain, it was agreed that should there be any major alterations to the budget going forward over the life of the Medium Term Financial Strategy, it should be reported to the Committee.	Councillors Stuart King & Callton Young Resources	Accept.	Chris Buss	None.	Any Changes in the budget will be reported in the forecast report that will be reported to cabinet on a monthly basis. The MTFS will be refreshed over the summer and reported to cabinet	15 June 2021