

Merton Council
**Children and Young People
Overview and Scrutiny
Panel**



Date: Tuesday 15 November 2011
Time: 7.15 p.m.
Venue: Committee Rooms B, C and D,
Merton Civic Centre, London Road,
Morden SM4 5DX

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Committee: Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

15th November 2011

Healthier Communities & Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

16th November 2011

Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel

17th November 2011

Overview and Scrutiny Commission

24th November 2011

Agenda item: 6

Wards:

Subject: Budget and Budget Options 2012-2016

Lead officer: Caroline Holland

Lead member: Councillor Mark Allison

Contact officer: Paul Dale

Forward Plan reference number:

Recommendations:

1. That the Panel consider the latest information in respect of the Business Plan and Budget 2012/13 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2012-2016 and refer comments on the draft package of budget proposals to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission.
 2. That the Panel identifies those options that they are minded to agree and propose could be implemented in 2011/12 so that they can be considered by Cabinet and then Council on 1 February 2012
 3. That the Overview and Scrutiny Panel considers the comments of the Panels and provides a response on the revenue proposals to Cabinet when it meets on the 12th December 2011.
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1. Purpose of report and executive summary

- 1.1 This report requests Scrutiny Panels to review the latest information on the Business Plan and Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2012-2016 and feedback comments to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission.

2. Details - Revenue

- 2.1 The Cabinet of 17 October 2011 received a report on the business plan for 2012-16. This included a revised approach to Medium Term Financial Planning.

- 2.2 Members resolved that following the meeting, together with a covering note from the Leader of the Council, officers were authorised to release the savings options and associated staffing impact (Officers' Option Pack) that had been prepared towards balancing the budget over the MTFS period.

- 2.3 A further report was considered by Cabinet on 7 November 2011 and it was resolved that:

- Cabinet confirm the preferred officer options shown in section 4.2 (of the report dated 7 November 2011) to be forwarded to Scrutiny
- Cabinet notes the impact of their preferred options on the medium term financial position and the importance of maximising savings for 2013/14 and 2014/15 that can be agreed at the time of setting the 2012/13 budget; and
- Cabinet indicate the intention to not increase Council Tax in 2012/13, and to therefore take advantage of the Council Tax Freeze Grant for that year.

- 2.4 Details of the savings have been circulated previously and are available on the Council's intranet. To assist Panels in their consideration of the savings proposals that are relevant to their specific Panel, the financial implications of savings proposals have been summarised by Panel.

- 2.5 These savings and growth proposals are shown in Panel order as follows:-

- Appendix 1: Summary of Savings by Panel;
- Appendix 2: Children and Young People;
- Appendix 3: Sustainable Communities
- Appendix 4: Healthier Communities and Older People
- Appendix 5: Overview and Scrutiny Commission

- 2.4 The comments of the Scrutiny Panels upon these revenue budget proposals will be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission at its meeting on 24 November 2011 which will co-ordinate a joint overview and scrutiny response on behalf of the Panels for Cabinet to consider when it meets on 12 December 2011.

3. **Alternative Options**

- 3.1 It is a requirement that the Council sets a balanced budget. The Cabinet report on 7 November 2011 set out the Council's latest budget proposals for 2012-16 and progress made towards setting a balanced budget. This identified the current budget position that needs to be addressed between now and the next report to Cabinet on 12 December 2011, with a further report to Cabinet on 20th February 2012, prior to Council on 7 March 2012, agreeing the Budget and Council Tax for 2012/13 and the Business Plan 2012-16, including the MTFS and Capital Programme 2012-16.

4. **Capital Programme 2012-16**

- 4.1 Details of capital proposals will be reported to Cabinet in December and subject to Scrutiny in the January/February 2012 cycle of meetings.

5. **Consultation undertaken or proposed**

- 5.1 Further work will be undertaken as the process develops.

6. **Timetable**

- 6.1 The timetable following this round of Scrutiny is set out in the following table

	Meeting
12 December 2011	-Cabinet
18 January 2012	- Children and Young People
25 January 2012	- Healthier Communities and Older People
26 January 2012	- Sustainable Communities
7 February 2012	- Overview and Scrutiny Commission
20 February 2012	-Cabinet
7 March 2012	-Council

7. **Financial, resource and property implications**

- 7.1 These are set out in the Cabinet reports for 17 October 2011 and 7 November 2011.
- 7.2 Detailed schedules setting out the detail of the savings have previously been circulated, are available on the Council's intranet, and are summarised in Appendices 1-5

8. Legal and statutory implications

8.1 All relevant implications have been addressed in the Cabinet reports. Further work will be carried out as the budget and planning proceeds and will be included in the budget report to Cabinet on the 12 December 2011.

8.2 Detailed legal advice will be provided throughout the budget setting process further to any proposals identified and prior to any final decisions.

9. Human Rights, Equalities and Community Cohesion Implications

9.1 All relevant implications have been addressed in the Cabinet reports. Further work will be carried out as the budget and planning proceeds and will be included in the budget report to Cabinet on the 12 December 2011.

10. Crime and Disorder implications

10.1 All relevant implications have been addressed in the Cabinet reports. Further work will be carried out as the budget and planning proceeds and will be included in the budget report to Cabinet on the 12 December 2011.

11. Risk Management and Health and Safety Implications

11.1 All relevant implications have been addressed in the Cabinet reports. Further work will be carried out as the budget and planning proceeds and will be included in the budget report to Cabinet on the 12 December 2011.

12. Appendices – the following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report

Appendix 1	Summary of Savings by Panel
Appendix 2	Children and Young People
Appendix 3	Sustainable Communities
Appendix 4	Healthier Communities and Older People
Appendix 5	Overview and Scrutiny Commission

OPTIONS SUPPORTED BY CABINET

	2012/13 £000s	2013/14 £000s	2014/15 £000s	2015/16 £000s
Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel				
Level 1	759	505	440	0
Level 2	342	187	100	0
Level 3	590	210	170	0
Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel	1,691	902	710	0
Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel				
Level 1	2612	1293	1888	0
Level 2	1,037	932	41	0
Level 3	246	477	267	0
Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel	3,895	2,702	2,196	0
Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel				
Level 1	162	0	23	0
Level 2	5,800	300	1,350	0
Level 3	1,137	862	866	0
Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel	7,099	1,162	2,239	0
Overview and Scrutiny Commission				
Level 1	0	0	0	0
Level 2	0	0	0	0
Level 3	15	218	0	0
Overview and Scrutiny Commission	15	218	0	0
TOTAL: SUPPORTED OPTIONS FROM SERVICE REVIEWS	12,700	4,984	5,145	0
TOTAL: SUPPORTED OPTIONS FROM SERVICE REVIEWS (Cumulative)	12,700	17,684	22,829	22,829
Overview and Scrutiny Commission				
Corporate Services - Supported Options	2,484	596	696	0
Corporate Services - Supported Options (Cumulative)	2,484	3,080	3,776	3,776
TOTAL: SUPPORTED OPTIONS FROM SERVICE REVIEWS	15,184	5,580	5,841	0
TOTAL: SUPPORTED OPTIONS FROM SERVICE REVIEWS (Cumulative)	15,184	20,764	26,605	26,605

Options pack	Savings Level	Options to forward to Scrutiny Service Items	Savings			
			2012/13 £000s	2013/14 £000s	2014/15 £000s	2015/16 £000s
Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel						
Page 27	1	Early Years	207	0	0	0
Page 31	1	Childrens' Social Care	70	125	0	0
Page 38	1	School Improvement	50	0	0	0
Page 41	1	Children with Disabilities and Special Educational Needs	70	0	0	0
Page 44	1	School Organisation	30	40	0	0
Page 47	1	Youth including Educational Welfare Services	82	0	0	0
Page 53	1	Commissioning and Procurement	200	240	100	0
Page 57	1	Policy, Planning and Performance	0	0	40	0
Page 58	1	SEN Transport	50	100	100	0
	1	Management Efficiencies	0	0	200	0
Supported Options - Level 1			759	505	440	0
Page 28	2	Early Years	100	0	0	0
Page 33	2	Childrens' Social Care	97	100	100	0
Page 38	2	School Improvement	50	0	0	0
Page 44	2	School Organisation	0	40	0	0
Page 49	2	Youth including Educational Welfare Services	95	47	0	0
Supported Options - Level 2			342	187	100	0
Page 35	3	Childrens' Social Care	30	0	0	0
Page 39	3	School Improvement	0	100	100	0
Page 42	3	Children with Disabilities and Special Educational Needs	0	70	70	0
Page 51	3	Youth including Educational Welfare Services	60	40	0	0
Page 54	3	Commissioning and Procurement	500	0	0	0
Supported Options - Level 3			590	210	170	0
Total Supported Options - Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel			1,691	902	710	0

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			2012/13 £000s	2013/14 £000s	2014/15 £000s	2015/16 £000s
Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel						
Page 15	1	Libraries	84	13	10	0
Page 18	1	Housing	37	0	0	0
Page 22	1	Merton Adult Education	30	68	110	0
Page 66	1	Parks, Greenspaces and Cemeteries	459	89	0	0
Page 67	1	Leisure and Culture	35	55	29	0
Page 70	1	Development Control and Building Control	300	0	0	0
Page 73	1	Environment Health/Trading Standards/Licensing(Regulatory)	0	400	0	0
Page 79	1	Parking	720	0	0	0
Page 87	1	Waste & Recycling	219	191	1489	0
Page 91	1	Traffic and Highways	185	327	0	0
Page 95	1	Future Merton and Property	414	0	0	0
Page 97	1	Transport	129	0	0	0
Page 100	1	Commercial Services	0	150	250	0
Supported Options - Level 1			2612	1293	1888	0
Page 16	2	Libraries	0	160	0	0
Page 19	2	Housing	0	42	0	0
Page 22	2	Merton Adult Education	0	32	26	0
Page 68	2	Leisure and Culture	10	103	15	0
Page 70	2	Development Control and Building Control	-300	231	0	0
Page 74	2	Environment Health/Trading Standards/Licensing(Regulatory)	0	-155	0	0
Page 80	2	Parking	532	248	0	0
Page 88	2	Waste & Recycling (Part)	271	271	0	0
Page 91	2	Traffic and Highways	524	0	0	0
Supported Options - Level 2			1037	932	41	0
Page 24	3	Merton Adult Education	0	0	267	0
Page 71	3	Development Control and Building Control	0	232	0	0
Page 74	3	Environment Health/Trading Standards/Licensing(Regulatory)	0	245	0	0
Page 93	3	Traffic and Highways	246	0	0	0
Supported Options - Level 3			246	477	267	0
Total Supported Options - Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel			3,895	2,702	2,196	0

Options pack	Savings Level	Options to forward to Scrutiny Service Items	Savings			
			2012/13 £000s	2013/14 £000s	2014/15 £000s	2015/16 £000s
		Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel				
Page 9	1	Adult Social Care Commissioning	162	0	23	0
		Supported Options - Level 1	162	0	23	0
Page 10	2	Adult Social Care Commissioning	5,800	300	1,350	0
		Supported Options - Level 2	5,800	300	1,350	0
Page 13	3	Adult Social Care Commissioning	1,137	862	866	0
		Supported Options - Level 3	1,137	862	866	0
Total Supported Options - Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel			7,099	1,162	2,239	0

Options pack	Savings Level	Options to forward to Scrutiny				
		Service Items	Savings			
			2012/13 £000s	2013/14 £000s	2014/15 £000s	2015/16 £000s
Page 104	3	Overview and Scrutiny Commission				
		Safer Merton	15	218	0	0
		Supported Options - Level 3	15	218	0	0
Total Supported Options - Overview and Scrutiny Commission			15	218	-	0
		Overview and Scrutiny Commission				
		Corporate Services Options	2484	596	696	0
TOTAL SUPPORTED OPTIONS			2,499	814	696	0