**Committee:** **Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

6<sup>th</sup> November 2013

**Healthier Communities & Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

13<sup>th</sup> November 2013

**Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

12<sup>th</sup> November 2013

**Overview and Scrutiny Commission**

26<sup>th</sup> November 2013

**Agenda item:**

**Wards**:

**Subject:** Business Plan Update 2014-2018

**Lead officer**:   Caroline Holland

**Lead member**: Councillor Mark Allison

**Contact officer:** Paul Dale

**Forward Plan reference number:**

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**Recommendations:**

1.   That the Panel consider the latest information in respect of the Business Plan and Budget 2014/15, including, in particular, the draft capital programme 2014-18

2.   That the Overview and Scrutiny Commission considers the comments of the Panels and provides a response on the draft capital programme 2014-18 to Cabinet when it meets on the 9 December 2013.

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1.      **Purpose of report and executive summary**

1.1      This report requests Scrutiny Panels to consider the latest information in respect of the Business Plan and Budget 2014/15, including, in particular, the draft capital programme 2014-18 and feedback comments to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission.

1.2      The Overview and Scrutiny Commission will consider the comments of the Panels and provide a response on the draft capital programme 2014-18 to Cabinet when it meets on the 9 December 2013.

2. **Details - Revenue**

2.1 The Cabinet of 22 October 2012 received a report on the business plan for 2013-17. This included details of savings targets, and, in particular set out the draft Capital Programme 2013-17.

2.2 At the meeting Cabinet

RESOLVED: That Cabinet
(1) notes the latest draft MTFS 2014-18;
(2) agrees the draft Capital Programme 2013-2018 for consideration by scrutiny in November; and
(3) notes the indicative capital programme for 2018-23.

3. **Alternative Options**

3.1 It is a requirement that the Council sets a balanced budget. The Cabinet report on 21 October 2013 sets out the 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 9 December 2013, with a further report to Cabinet on 17 February 2014, prior to Council on 5 March 2014, agreeing the Budget and Council Tax for 2014/15 and the Business Plan 2014-18, including the MTFS and Capital Programme 2014-18.

4. **Capital Programme 2014-18**

4.1 Details of the draft Capital Programme 2014-18 were agreed by Cabinet on 21 October 2013 in the attached report for consideration by Overview and Scrutiny panels and Commission.

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 Appendix 2 of the Cabinet report.

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

7.1 These are set out in the Cabinet report for 21 October 2013.

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 9 December 2013.

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 will be addressed in Cabinet reports on the business planning process.

10.    **Crime and Disorder implications**

10.1    All relevant implications will be addressed in Cabinet reports on the business planning process.

11.    **Risk Management and Health and Safety Implications**

11.1    All relevant implications will be addressed in Cabinet reports on the business planning process.


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

Appendix 1: Cabinet report 21 October 2013: Business Plan Update 2014-18

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Budget files held in the Corporate Services department.

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