Committee: Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel

1 November 2018

Healthier Communities & Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

6 November 2018

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

7 November 2018

Overview and Scrutiny Commission

14 November 2018

Agenda item:

Wards:

Subject: Business Plan Update 2019-2023

Lead officer: Caroline Holland

Lead member: Councillor Mark Allison

Contact officer: Roger Kershaw
Forward Plan reference number:

Recommendations:

- 1. That the Panel considers the proposed amendments to savings, new savings for 2019-23 set out in Appendix 2 and Appendix 3 of the attached report on the Business Plan 2019-2023 and associated equalities analysis where applicable, which it is proposed are incorporated into the draft MTFS 2018-22.
- 2. That the Panel considers the draft capital programme 2019-23 and indicative programme for 2023-28 set out in Appendix 3 of the attached report on the Business Plan
- 3. That the Overview and Scrutiny Commission considers the comments of the Panels on the Business Plan 2019-2023 and provides a response to Cabinet when it meets on the 10 December 2018.

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 2019-23, including proposed amendments to

savings previously agreed by Council, and new savings for 2019-23. This report also includes associated equalities assessments for proposed savings where applicable. The panel are also asked to consider the draft capital programme 2019-23. Panels are requested to feedback any 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 Business Plan 2019-23 to Cabinet when it meets on the 10 December 2018.

2. Details - Revenue

- 2.1 The Cabinet of 15 October 2018 received a report on the business plan for 2019-23.
- 2.2 At the meeting Cabinet

RESOLVED:

- 1. That Cabinet considered and noted the draft savings/income proposals (Appendix 3) put forward by officers and referred them to Overview and Scrutiny panels and Commission in November 2018 for consideration and comment.
- 2. That Cabinet noted the proposed amendments to savings set out in Appendix 2 and incorporated the financial implications into the draft MTFS 2019-23.
- 3. That Cabinet noted the latest draft Capital Programme 2019-23 detailed In Appendix 4 for consideration by Scrutiny in November and noted the indicative programme for 2023-28.

3. Alternative Options

3.1 It is a requirement that the Council sets a balanced budget. The Cabinet report on 15 October 2018 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 report to Cabinet on 10 December 2018, with further reports to Cabinet on 14 January 2019 and 18 February 2019, prior to Council on 6 March 2019, agreeing the Budget and Council Tax for 2019/20 and the Business Plan 2019-23, including the MTFS and Capital Programme 2019-23.

4. Capital Programme 2019-23

4.1 Details of the draft Capital Programme 2019-23 were noted by Cabinet on 15 October 2018 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 for the Business Plan 2019-23 including the revenue budget 2019/20, the MTFS 2018-22 and the Capital Programme for 2019-23 was agreed by Cabinet on 17 September 2018.

7. Financial, resource and property implications

7.1 These are set out in the Cabinet report for 15 October 2018. (Appendix 1)

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 10 December 2018.
- 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.
- 9.2 A draft equalities assessment has been carried out with respect to the proposed replacement savings and new saving where applicable and is included as Appendix 4 to the Business Plan report (Appendix1).
- 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 15 October 2018: Draft Business Plan 2019-23

BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1 The following documents have been relied on in drawing up this report but do not form part of the report:

Budget files held in the Corporate Services department.

2018/19 Budgetary Control and 2017/18 Final Accounts Working Papers in the Corporate Services Department.
Budget Monitoring working papers
MTFS working papers

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