

Committee: Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel

30 October 2019

Healthier Communities & Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

5 November 2019

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

6 November 2019

Overview and Scrutiny Commission

13 November 2019

Agenda item:

Wards:

Subject: Business Plan Update 2020-2024

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 replacement savings, deferred savings and new savings for 2020-24 set out in Appendices 4a to 4c of the attached report (Appendix 1) on the Business Plan 2020-2024 and associated draft equalities analysis where applicable attached as Appendix 2 to this report, which it is proposed are incorporated into the draft MTFS 2020-24.
 2. That the Panel considers the proposed new capital bids and draft capital programme 2020-24 set out in Appendix 6 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 2020-2024 and provides a response to Cabinet when it meets on 9 December 2019.
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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 2020-24, replacement savings, deferred savings, and new savings for 2020-24. This report also includes associated draft equalities assessments for proposed savings where applicable (APPENDIX 2). The panel are also asked to consider the draft capital programme 2020-24 and new capital bids. 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 2020-24 to Cabinet when it meets on the 9 December 2019.

2. Details - Revenue

2.1 The Cabinet of 14 October 2019 received a report on the business plan for 2020-24.

2.2 At the meeting Cabinet

RESOLVED:

1. That Cabinet notes the approach to rolling forward the MTFS for 2020-24.
- 2 That Cabinet confirm the latest position with regards to savings already in the MTFS
- 3 That Cabinet agrees the approach to setting a balanced budget using the unmet balance of last year's savings targets as the basis for the setting of targets for 2020-24.
- 4 That Cabinet agrees the proposed savings targets.
- 5 That Cabinet agrees the timetable for the Business Plan 2020-24 including the revenue budget 2020/21, the MTFS 2020-24 and the Capital Programme for 2020-24.
- 6 That Cabinet note the process for the Service Plan 2020-24 and the progress made so far.
- 7 That Cabinet considers the proposed new savings, replacement savings and deferred savings for 2020-24, and refers them to the Scrutiny Panels and Commission. That Cabinet agrees to ratify these savings at a future Cabinet meeting subject to scrutiny comments. (Draft Equality Assessments (EAs) will be provided for the Overview and Scrutiny panels and Commission).
- 8 That Cabinet considers and agrees the proposed new capital bids and draft capital programme 2020-24 and refers them to the Scrutiny Panels and Commission

3. Alternative Options

- 3.1 It is a requirement that the Council sets a balanced budget. The Cabinet report on 14 October 2019 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 9 December 2019, with further reports to Cabinet on 13 January 2020 and 10 February 2020, prior to Council on 4 March 2020, agreeing the Budget and Council Tax for 2020/21 and the Business Plan 2020-24, including the MTFS and Capital Programme 2020-24.

4. Capital Programme 2020-24

- 4.1 Details of the draft Capital Programme 2020-24 were noted by Cabinet on 14 October 2019 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 2020-24 including the revenue budget 2020/21, the MTFS 2020-24 and the Capital Programme for 2020-24 was agreed by Cabinet on 14 October 2019.

7. Financial, resource and property implications

- 7.1 These are set out in the Cabinet report for 14 October 2019. (Attached as Appendix 1 to this report)

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 2019.
- 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 Draft equalities assessments have been carried out with respect to the proposed replacement savings and new savings where applicable and are included as Appendix 2 to this report.

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 14 October 2019: Draft Business Plan 2020-24

Appendix 2: Draft Equalities Assessments

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.

2019/20 Budgetary Control and 2018/19 Final Accounts Working Papers in the Corporate Services Department.

Budget Monitoring working papers

MTFS working papers

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