

Committee: Cabinet

Date: 20 February 2023

Subject: Reference from the Overview and Scrutiny Commission – Scrutiny of the Business Plan 2023-27

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Recommendations:

- A. That Cabinet, in taking decisions relating to the Business Plan 2023-27, consider the recommendations made to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission (set out in paragraphs 2.4 to 2.5 below) by the other Overview and Scrutiny Panels.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. To inform Cabinet of the recommendations and comments resulting from scrutiny of the Business Plan 2023-27 by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and Overview and Scrutiny Panels at their meetings in January 2023.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. Each of the Overview and Scrutiny Panels and the Overview and Scrutiny Commission has examined the budget and business plan proposals relating to the service areas within their remit.
- 2.2. No reference was made to the Commission or Cabinet from the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel or the Sustainable Communities Panel.
- 2.3. The Commission RESOLVED to forward to Cabinet the recommendation made by the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel (set out in paragraph 2.4)
- 2.4. “The Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel agree the saving in principle. This is on the basis that the public health team provide additional information* on the detail of the proposal to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission”.
- 2.5. The additional information was supplied to the Commission and can be found in Appendix A.
- 2.6. The Overview and Scrutiny Commission discussed the savings proposals and the capital programme relating to its remit.
- 2.7. Commission Members welcomed the opportunity to scrutinise the latest iteration of the Budget and Business Plan 2023-27 and RESOLVED to send no further recommendations to Cabinet.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 3.1. Cabinet is required under the terms of the constitution to receive, consider and respond to recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 4.1. The Constitution contains the requirements for consulting scrutiny on the budget and business plan. There was an initial phase of scrutiny in November 2021, with the second round completing in January this year, representing the formal consultation of scrutiny on the proposed Business Plan, Budget and Capital Programme.

5 TIMETABLE

- 5.1 Scrutiny of the 2023-27 Business Plan was undertaken as follows: -
- Healthier Communities & Older People Scrutiny Panel: 10 January 2023
 - Children & Young People Overview & Scrutiny Panel: 11 January 2023
 - Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Panel: 19 January 2023
 - Overview and Scrutiny Commission: 25 January 2023

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. These are detailed in the substantive reports elsewhere on this agenda

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. The process for developing the budget and business plan is set out in Part 4C of the Council's Constitution. The role of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and panels with regard to the development of the budget and business plan is set out in Part 4E of the Constitution.
- 7.2. The legal and statutory implications relating to the budget and business plan are contained in the reports elsewhere on this agenda.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. It is a fundamental aim of the scrutiny process to ensure that there is full and equal access to the democratic process through public involvement and engagement.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. None for the purposes of this report.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. None for the purposes of this report.

11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

- 11.1 Appendix A – Public Health 2023 2024 Savings Equality Analysis.

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 12.1. None