

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

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015

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

10<sup>th</sup> November 2015

## **Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

11<sup>th</sup> November 2015

## **Overview and Scrutiny Commission**

24<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**Agenda item:**

**Wards:**

**Subject:** Business Plan Update 2016-2020

**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 considers the proposed amendments to savings set out in Appendix 1 of the attached report on the Business Plan 2016-2020 which it is proposed are incorporated into the financial implications into the draft MTFS 2016-20.
  2. That the Panel considers the draft capital programme 2016-20 and indicative programme for 2021-25 set out in Appendix 3 of the attached report on the Business Plan
  3. That the Panel considers the draft savings/income proposals and associated equalities analyses set out in Appendix 4 and Appendix 5 of the attached report on the Business Plan
  4. That the Overview and Scrutiny Commission considers the comments of the Panels on the Business Plan 2016-2012 and provides a response to Cabinet when it meets on the 7 December 2015.
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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 2016/17, including proposed amendments to savings previously agreed by Council, the draft capital programme 2016-20, and the draft savings/income proposals and associated equalities analyses for 2016-19, 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 Business Plan 2016-20 to Cabinet when it meets on the 7 December 2015.

## **2. Details - Revenue**

- 2.1 The Cabinet of 19 October 2015 received a report on the business plan for 2016-20..

- 2.2 At the meeting Cabinet

RESOLVED: That

1. That Cabinet agree the proposed amendments to savings set out in Appendix 1 and incorporate the financial implications into the draft MTFs 2016-20 and refers them to the Overview and Scrutiny panels and Commission in November 2015 for consideration and comment.
2. That Cabinet agrees the latest draft Capital Programme 2016-20 detailed in Appendix 3 for consideration by scrutiny in November and notes the indicative programme for 2021-25.
3. That Cabinet considers and agrees the draft savings/income proposals (Appendix 4) and associated equalities analyses (Appendix 5) put forward by officers and refers them to the Overview and Scrutiny panels and Commission in November 2015 for consideration and comment.

## **3. Alternative Options**

- 3.1 It is a requirement that the Council sets a balanced budget. The Cabinet report on 19 October 2015 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 7 December 2015, with further reports to Cabinet on 18 January 2016 and 15 February 2016, prior to Council on 2 March 2016, agreeing the Budget and Council Tax for 2016/17 and the Business Plan 2016-20, including the MTFs and Capital Programme 2016-20.

## **4. Capital Programme 2016-20**

- 4.1 Details of the draft Capital Programme 2016-20 were agreed by Cabinet on 19 October 2015 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 2016-20 including the revenue budget 2016/17, the MTFs 2016-20 and the Capital Programme for 2016-20 was agreed by Cabinet on 14 September 2015.

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

7.1 These are set out in the Cabinet report for 19 October 2015. (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 7 December 2015.

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 budget savings and is included as Appendix 5 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 19 October 2015: Draft Business Plan Update 2016-20

## **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.

2015/16 Budgetary Control and 2014/15 Final Accounts Working Papers in the Corporate Services Department.

Budget Monitoring working papers

MTFS working papers

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