

Committee: Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel

2 November 2017

Healthier Communities & Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

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Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

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Overview and Scrutiny Commission

15 November 2017

Agenda item:

Wards:

Subject: Business Plan Update 2018-2022

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, a new saving and associated equalities analysis where applicable, set out in Appendix 1 and Appendix 4 of the attached report on the Business Plan 2018-2022 which it is proposed are incorporated into the draft MTFS 2018-22.
2. That the Panel considers the draft capital programme 2012-22 and indicative programme for 2022-27 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 2018-2022 and provides a response to Cabinet when it meets on the 11 December 2017.

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 2018-22, including proposed amendments to

savings previously agreed by Council, a new saving, and associated equalities assessments where applicable, and the draft capital programme 2018-22, 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 2018-22 to Cabinet when it meets on the 11 December 2017.

2. **Details - Revenue**

- 2.1 The Cabinet of 16 October 2017 received a report on the business plan for 2018-22.

- 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 2018-22.
2. That Cabinet agrees the latest draft Capital Programme 2018-22 detailed in Appendix 3 for consideration by scrutiny in November and notes the indicative programme for 2022-27.

3. **Alternative Options**

- 3.1 It is a requirement that the Council sets a balanced budget. The Cabinet report on 16 October 2017 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 11 December 2017, with further reports to Cabinet on 15 January 2018 and 19 February 2018, prior to Council on 28 February 2018, agreeing the Budget and Council Tax for 2018/19 and the Business Plan 2018-22, including the MTFS and Capital Programme 2018-22.

4. **Capital Programme 2018-22**

- 4.1 Details of the draft Capital Programme 2018-22 were agreed by Cabinet on 16 October 2017 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 2018-22 including the revenue budget 2018/19, the MTF5 2018-22 and the Capital Programme for 2018-22 was agreed by Cabinet on 18 September 2017.

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

- 7.1 These are set out in the Cabinet report for 16 October 2017. (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 11 December 2017.
- 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 16 October 2017: Draft Business Plan 2018-22

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.

2017/18 Budgetary Control and 2016/17 Final Accounts Working Papers in the Corporate Services Department.

Budget Monitoring working papers

MTFS working papers

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