

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE BOARD 28 JANUARY 2016**

### **BUDGET SCRUTINY 2017/18**

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#### **Summary**

1. The Board is asked to consider and approve the attached report of the Budget 2017/18 Scrutiny Task Group.

#### **Background**

2. On 13 September 2016, the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board (OSPB) agreed to set up a Scrutiny Task Group led by the Chairman of OSPB as part of scrutiny of the 2017/18 budget. The Task Group was set up as a cross-party group of members whose aim was to provide a more in-depth challenge to the Overview and Scrutiny Panel Chairmen on their findings.

3. The Terms of Reference were:

- To examine how the Council is planning to meet funding reductions whilst delivering its Corporate Priorities.
- To consider whether the proposed budget is achievable and realistic, and meets residents' needs in the medium term.
- To consider the level of risk associated with the budget changes.
- To understand the impact on residents of the budget proposals and how they are being managed and mitigated.

4. Since October 2016, the Task Group has met with Panel Chairmen to discuss the Panels' views on the outcomes of corporate strategy planning and emerging budget proposals, and discussed the 2017/18 budget proposals with the Leader and Chief Executive, and Group Leaders.

#### **Purpose of the Meeting**

5. The Board is invited to consider, comment on and approve the draft report of the 2017/18 Budget Scrutiny Task Group prior to the findings being submitted to Cabinet for consideration at its meeting on 2 February 2017. The final budget will be considered by County Council at its meeting on 9 February 2017.

#### **Supporting Information**

Appendix 1: Report of the 2017/18 Budget Scrutiny Task Group

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## Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Agenda and minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board meetings held on 13 September 2016
- Agenda and minutes of Cabinet meeting held on 17 November and 15 December 2016
- [All agendas and minutes are available on the Council's website here.](#)