

## **ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL 29 NOVEMBER 2017**

### **BUDGET SCRUTINY: REVIEWING THE 2017/18 BUDGET POSITION FOR ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

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#### **Summary**

1. As part of the Council's development of the 2018/19 budget, the Overview and Scrutiny Panels and the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) will be reviewing the 2017/18 budget position at their November meetings, prior to consideration of the 2018/19 draft budget at their meetings in January 2018.
2. The Cabinet Members with Responsibility for these services (Economy and Infrastructure, Highways, Environment and also Communities) and the Director of Economy and Infrastructure have been invited to this meeting, to present the 2017/18 budget position and how any challenges are being addressed.

#### **Background**

3. The Council's draft budget for 2018/19 will be presented to Cabinet on 14 December 2017. In advance of this meeting, it was agreed at the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board on 4 October 2017 that in November the Overview and Scrutiny Panels and HOSC would review the 2017/18 budget position in advance of the December Cabinet.
4. All Overview and Scrutiny Panels and HOSC have had a development session with Finance Managers to interpret the financial information for their particular area. These sessions have taken place in advance of this meeting. Additional information on benchmarking has also been provided.

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

5. Panel Members are asked to:
  - review the current position and offer comments to the appropriate Cabinet Member
  - consider whether any further information is required ahead of the January discussion of the draft 2018/19 budget.

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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 Cabinet on 28 September and 2 November 2017 – available on the Council website [here](#)
- Agenda and Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board on 4 October 2017 – available on the Council website [here](#)