

ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL JANUARY 2018

BUDGET SCRUTINY: DRAFT 2018/19 BUDGET FOR ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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 are reviewing the 2018/19 draft budget at their meetings in January, following earlier discussion of the budget position and challenges for the current budget year (2017/18).
2. The findings of the Panel's discussion will contribute to Overview and Scrutiny's overall response to the budget, which is being co-ordinated by the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board and will form part of the Board's meeting on 30 January 2018.
3. The Cabinet Members with Responsibility for these services (Economy and Infrastructure, highways, Environment and Communities), and the Director of Economy and Infrastructure, have been invited to this meeting.

Background

4. The Council's draft budget for 2018/19 was presented to Cabinet on 14 December 2017 and is attached at Appendix 1. 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.
5. The Minutes from the Panel's November discussion are attached at Appendix 2.
6. The relevant Cabinet Members and the Director been invited to present the 2018/19 draft budget and how any challenges are being addressed.

Purpose of the Meeting

7. Panel Members are asked to:
 - review the 2018/19 draft budget as presented to Cabinet on 14 December 2017
 - agree any comments which the Panel Chair will contribute to the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board's response to consultation on the 2018/19 budget.

Supporting Information

Appendix 1: 2018-19 Draft Budget and Council Tax (report to Cabinet on 14 December 2017) – the Minutes will be available on the Council's website [here](#)

Appendix 2: Extract of the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel Minutes on 29 November 2017

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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:

- Budget Book 2017-18 – available on the Council's website; http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/downloads/download/620/budget_books
- Agenda and Minutes of the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 29 November 2017 – available [here](#)
- 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 and 6 December 2017 – available on the Council website [here](#)