

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE BOARD 30 JANUARY 2018**

### **BUDGET SCRUTINY: 2018/19**

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#### **Summary**

1. The Board is asked to consider the findings from the Overview and Scrutiny Panels' discussions of the 2018/19 Budget proposals and agree the comments for the Cabinet to consider at its meeting on 8 February 2018.

#### **Background**

2. The Leader attended the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board (OSPB) meeting on 4 October 2017 to outline the Cabinet's approach to the budget process for 2018/19. Arising from this the Board agreed to take a different approach to budget scrutiny to that used in recent years, when a Task Group had reviewed the emerging proposals.
3. This year the Overview and Scrutiny Panels and the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) initially examined revised budget estimates for the current financial year to understand the challenges faced by services and identify where there might be issues for the draft budget for 2018/19. The Cabinet published the draft budget with the agenda for its meeting in December. The Panels and Committee have been reviewing this at their meetings in January.
4. Comments from the meetings of the Adult Care and Well Being and HOSC, Children and Families (to follow) Corporate and Communities Panels, Economy and Environment and a report from the Lead Member for Crime and Disorder are attached at Appendix 1.

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

5. The Board is asked to consider the findings from the Overview and Scrutiny Panels' discussion of the draft 2018/19 Budget and agree the comments for the Cabinet to consider at its meeting on 8 February 2018. The final budget will be considered by County Council at its meeting on 15 February 2018.

#### **Supporting Information**

Appendix 1: Budget Scrutiny 2018/19 – Comments from Overview and Scrutiny Panels

#### **Contact Points**

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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 [here](#)
- Agenda and Minutes of the Adult Care and Well Being (and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee), Children and Families (to follow) Corporate and Communities, Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panels from November 2017 and January 2018 are available [here](#)
- Agenda and Minutes of Cabinet on 28 September, 2 November and 14 December 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](#)