

## **ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

**18 JANUARY 2019**

### **BUDGET SCRUTINY: DRAFT 2019/20 BUDGET ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT**

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#### **Summary**

1. As part of the Council's development of the 2019/20 budget, the Overview and Scrutiny Panels and the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are considering the 2019/20 draft budget at their meetings in January. A small group of Panel members reviewed the 2018/19 budget position in November.
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 (OSPB) and will form part of the Board's meeting on 24 January 2019.
3. The Cabinet Members with Responsibility for Environment, for Highways, for Economy and Infrastructure and for Communities have been invited to this meeting, along with the Director of Economy and Infrastructure and the Chief Financial Officer.

#### **Background**

4. The Council's draft budget for 2019/20 was presented to Cabinet on 13 December 2018 and is attached at Appendix 1.
5. In advance of this meeting, the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel carried out its November Scrutiny in a Task Group and will provide feedback with the other Panels to the January OSPB.
6. The Adult Care and Wellbeing (and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee), Children and Families and the Corporate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panels have reviewed the 2018/19 budget position and provided feedback to the OSPB on 5 December 2018.
7. The Cabinet Members with Responsibility for Environment, for Highways, for Economy and Infrastructure and for Communities have been invited to the meeting to present the 2019/20 draft budget and outline how any challenges are being addressed.

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

8. The Panel is asked to:
  - review the 2019/20 draft budget as presented to Cabinet on 13 December 2018;

- agree any comments which the Panel Chairman will contribute to the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board's response to consultation on the 2019/20 budget on 24 January 2019.

## **Supporting Information**

Appendix 1: 2019-20 Draft Budget and Council Tax (report and minutes of Cabinet on 13 December 2018)

<http://worcestershire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=131&MId=2163&Ver=4>

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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 2018-19 – available on the Council's website [here](#)
- Agenda and Minutes of Cabinet on 27 September and 15 November 2018 – available on the Council website [here](#)
- Agenda and Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board on the 5 December 2018 – available on the Council website [here](#)