

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

23 NOVEMBER 2017

BUDGET SCRUTINY: REVIEWING THE 2017/18 BUDGET POSITION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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 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 Children and Families, and Education and Skills and the Director of Children's Services have been invited to the 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. On 4 October 2017, the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board agreed that in November the Overview and Scrutiny Panels and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (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. The Panel is asked to:
 - review the current position and offer comments to the appropriate Cabinet Member; and
 - 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](#)