

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE BOARD

15 DECEMBER 2021

BUDGET SCRUTINY 2022/23

Summary

1. The Board is asked to consider the initial feedback provided from the November Scrutiny meetings in respect of the emerging pressures and challenges in relation to the 2022/23 Budget.

Background

2. Performance and financial monitoring are part of the Scrutiny Panels' role in maintaining oversight of service provision and a key role for Scrutiny.
3. As previously agreed by the Board, Scrutiny Panels carry out quarterly performance and financial monitoring, and then report to the Board by exception any areas of concern or suggestions for further scrutiny.
4. At the November Scrutiny Panel meetings, Members were provided with performance information and in-year budget monitoring reports. The Panels welcomed the information and gave feedback. In addition, Panels have started to explore the emerging pressures and challenges in relation to the 2022/23 Budget and initial feedback is attached at Appendix 1.

Budget 2022/23

5. The draft Council Budget 2022/23 is due to be presented to Cabinet on 6 January 2022.
6. The Panel's discussions on the draft Council Budget 2021/22 will be reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board on 26 January 2022 when the Board will formulate its comments to Cabinet on the draft Budget.

Purpose of the Meeting

7. The Board is asked to:
 - consider and comment on the feedback in respect of the emerging pressures and challenges in relation to the 2022/23 Budget; and
 - determine whether any comments should be highlighted to the Leader/relevant Cabinet Member or if any information or scrutiny on a particular topic is required.

Contact Point for this Report

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Assistant Director of Legal and Governance) the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

Agenda and minutes of:

- [Agenda for Adult Care and Well Being Overview and Scrutiny Panel on Monday, 15th November, 2021, 2.00 pm - Worcestershire County Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)
- [Agenda for Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel on Friday, 12th November, 2021, 10.00 am - Worcestershire County Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)
- [Agenda for Corporate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel on Monday, 8th November, 2021, 2.00 pm - Worcestershire County Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)
- [Agenda for Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel on Tuesday, 9th November, 2021, 2.00 pm - Worcestershire County Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

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