

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE BOARD 7 DECEMBER 2022

BUDGET SCRUTINY 2023/24

Summary

1. The Leader and Chief Executive have been invited to attend the meeting to update Members on the new and emerging pressures for the Council likely to impact on the 2023/24 budget and medium-term financial plan.

Budget Scrutiny 2023/24

- For this year's Budget scrutiny, Scrutiny Panels have had the advantage of having carried out regular budget and performance monitoring throughout the year, with the opportunity to review how resources are allocated, monitor how they are used, examine their impact and if needed carry out additional Scrutiny as required.
- 3. The outcomes of the ongoing monitoring process have been fed back regularly to the Board.
- 4. The draft Council Budget 2023/24 will be presented to Cabinet on 5 January 2023 following which the proposals will be available for Scrutiny Panels to consider. The Board will then have the opportunity to feed its comments on the Budget Proposals to Cabinet on 2 February 2023.
- 5. The final budget proposals will be considered by Council at its meeting on 16 February 2023.

Purpose of the Meeting

6. Following the discussion, the Board is asked to discuss and agree the process for Scrutiny of the 2023/24 Budget.

Contact Points

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Democratic Governance and Scrutiny Manager (Interim Monitoring Officer) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

All agendas and minutes are available on the Council's website.