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Councillor Paul Mitchell
Chair, Environmental Scrutiny Committee
Scrutiny Services
Room 263
County Hall
Cardiff
CF10 4UW

Dear Councillor Mitchell

Environmental Scrutiny Committee - 03 February 2015

Thank you for your letter dated 05 February 2015 setting out your comments in relation of the Scrutiny meeting on 03 February 2015 which considered the Draft Corporate Plan 2015 to 2017 and the Draft Budget Proposals for 2015/16.

The observations provided by the Scrutiny Committee were considered prior to the finalisation of the Budget and the letter was an appendix to the Budget Report that was considered at Council on 26 February 2015.

In relation to the requests for information please see the responses set out below.

The Committee requested a breakdown of the demographic growth in 2015/16 and in recent years. This breakdown is set out in the table below, it can be seen that the increases in pupil numbers had a significant impact on the demographic growth figures for 2015/16:

Demographic Growth	2015/16 £000	2014/15 £000	2013/14 £000
Health & Social Care - demographic pressures	1,600	1,300	1,000
Pupil Number increases - including special education needs	3,500	1,700	1,600
Landfill demographics		100	
Total	5,100	3,100	2,600

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The Committee also requested a breakdown of the financial pressures facing the Council. The attached appendix is in relation to the medium term financial plan and sets out this breakdown in further detail.

Lastly members of the Committee requested that figures in respect of the overall level of Council borrowing be provided for 2015/16 and recent years.

This breakdown is set out in the table below:

Overall level of Council Borrowing	31/03/2016 Projected £000	31/03/2015 Projected £000	31/03/2014 Actual £000
Overall Level of Council Borrowing	714	470	473
Total	714	470	473

The figure given is the amount of external borrowing. It should be noted that this is in relation to both general fund and housing revenue account borrowing as the Council's borrowing is pooled.

The projected figure as at 31 March 2016 includes the borrowing to be undertaken in respect of the exit of the housing subsidy system which has been projected as being £188 million.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,
Yn gwyir,



Councillor / Y Cynghorydd Graham Hinchey
Cabinet Member for Corporate Services & Performance
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Enclosure: Medium Term Financial Plan 2016/17 – 2018/19

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