

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

8 December 2015

COMMITTEE BUSINESS – INFORMATION REPORT

Background

1. This report provides an overarching Committee Business Report, and includes the correspondence update schedule. Following most Committee meetings, the Chair writes a letter to the relevant Cabinet Member or Officer, summing up the Committee's comments and recommendations regarding the issues considered during that meeting.

Issues

2. **Committee letters and responses** - The key points raised in the Committee's letter are taken from the way forward discussion at the end of each meeting and attached as part of the formal minutes of the meetings. Responses are evidenced in future reports or copied to Members if requested. A summary of the letters sent and responses received is attached at **Appendix A** and a copy of the letter sent and received since the last meeting are attached at **Appendix B**.
3. **Budget Scrutiny 2016/17**-.As part of work programming discussions, Members have decided to scrutinise the Corporate Plan 2016-17 and Budgetary Proposals 2016-17. These are scheduled to take place in February 2016. At the recent Scrutiny Chairs Liaison Forum, Chairs highlighted that the proposed dates for Committee in February would need to be altered to ensure that Committees were able to receive the Budgetary Proposals 2016-17 which would be taken to Cabinet later on in February, rather than the proposals issued for consultation in December 2015. Currently, it is anticipated that Scrutiny Committees would need to be held on 15 -17 February 2016.

Legal Implications

4. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations.

Financial Implications

5. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to

- Approves the way forward for the scrutiny of the 2016/17 Budget proposals
- Review the responses received to the recent letters sent by the Committee.

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