

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**BUDGET MONITORING PANEL: MONTH FOUR BUDGET MONITORING
REPORT 2016/17**

Purpose of Report

1. To provide Members with a verbal update on the outcome of the first meeting of the Budget Monitoring Panel to review the 2016/17 Budget monitoring reports. This meeting focused on a review of the month four budget monitoring Cabinet report.
2. To seek agreement to investigate any areas for more detailed scrutiny and report any issues to the relevant Cabinet Member and Director.

Background

3. On 27 September 2016, the Committee agreed their work programme 2016/17, which included the establishment of a Budget Monitoring Panel to scrutinise budget monitoring reports ahead of Committee meetings, bringing reports back to the Committee with issues of concern or suggestions for further in-depth scrutiny, for agreement by the whole Committee.

Outcome of October 2016 Panel Meeting

4. The Budget Monitoring Panel, consisting of Cllrs Richard Cook, Gordon, Joyce, Murphy and Thorne, and co-opted representative Carol Cobert, met on 28 October 2016 to discuss and review the month four budget monitoring and projected overspend for both the Education and Lifelong Learning Directorate and

Children's Services, together with the detailed projection of the achievement or otherwise of each of the approved set of budget savings.

5. The Panel agreed to hold further panel meetings to review the Cabinet budget monitoring reports as and when they are published.

Way Forward

6. Committee Members will have the opportunity to discuss the information provided in this report and appendix, and agree a way forward with regard to any issues the Panel has recommended for the Committee to consider.

Legal Implications

7. 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. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

8. 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 discuss the information provided at the meeting and:

- i. Agree to report any issues or concerns to the relevant Cabinet Member and Director; and
- ii. Agree any areas for further investigations.

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