

**CABINET MEETING: 19 DECEMBER 2019**

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**2020/21 BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTATION –  
PUBLICATION TIMESCALES**

**FINANCE, MODERNISATION AND PERFORMANCE  
(COUNCILLOR CHRIS WEAVER)**

**AGENDA ITEM: 7**

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**Reason for this Report**

1. To set out the timescales for publication of the Cabinet Report on the 2020/21 Budget Proposals for Consultation.

**Background**

2. Public consultation will inform Cabinet in finalising their draft Budget Proposal for 2020/21, for consideration by Council in February 2020.
3. Subject to Cabinet approval, consultation on the 2020/21 Budget Proposals will commence on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December.
4. The Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement (Provisional Settlement) is a key factor in drafting the Budget. This year, the Provisional Settlement has been delayed until 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019. This is almost two months later than its usual October publication date.
5. It is considered that there is potential for the Provisional Settlement to vary from previous funding assumptions, in light of departmental spending plans that were announced in the September Spending Round.

**Issues**

6. The Cabinet Report on the 2020/21 Budget Proposals for Consultation will be published on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019. This later than usual publication date is in order to ensure that the draft budget that underpins the consultation fully reflects the Provisional Settlement, and therefore that the position being consulted upon is as accurate as possible.

**Reason for Recommendations**

7. To set out the timescales for publication of the Cabinet Report on the 2020/21 Budget Proposals for Consultation.

### **Financial Implications**

8. The financial implications will be described in detail in the report published on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

### **Legal Implications**

9. Specific legal obligations relating to the setting of the budget and consultation will be set out in the forthcoming Cabinet report to be published on 18th December 2019.
10. The Council has public sector duties under the Equality Act 2010 which require it, in exercising its functions, to have due regard to the need to (1) eliminate unlawful discrimination (2) advance equality of opportunity and (3) foster good relations between persons with and without protected characteristics. For example, protected characteristics include race, sex, gender, age, religion. In order to be sure that the Council complies with its public sector equality duties, it is essential that Equality Impact Assessments are undertaken where appropriate in relation to specific budget proposals, that these are informed by the results of the consultation, and that any impact is taken into account in the decision-making on the budget.
11. The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 requires the Council to consider how the proposals will contribute towards meeting its well-being objectives (set out in the Corporate Plan). Members must also be satisfied that the proposals comply with the sustainable development principle, which requires that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

### **HR Implications**

12. The HR implications will be described in detail in the report published on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### **Property Implications**

13. There are no property implications arising from this report.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Cabinet is recommend to note the content of this Report.

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