

Report to Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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Subject: Council Budgets 2009/10

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Recommendation:

1. That Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider the recommendations of the Finance and Performance Management Cabinet Committee and the Finance and Performance Management Scrutiny Panel and recommend them, as amended if necessary, to the Cabinet.

Report:

1. This is the fourth set of budget proposals to be considered under the revised Overview and Scrutiny arrangements. Prior to 2006/07 the detailed proposals were taken to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3 then considered the budget as a whole and made recommendations to Cabinet.
2. The timetable for the approval of the 2009/10 budgets is as follows:

Finance & Performance Management Scrutiny Panel	13 January 2009
Finance & Performance Management Cabinet Committee	26 January 2009
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	29 January 2009
Cabinet	2 February 2009
Full Council	17 February 2009
3. The Finance and Performance Management Scrutiny Panel are presented with the detailed Portfolio Holder budgets and have the opportunity to question Portfolio Holders. Therefore, this Committee has previously only received a report from the Chairman of that Panel and the Medium Term Financial Strategy. However at the meeting of this Committee last year additional information was requested and so the full reports going to the Finance and Performance Management Cabinet Committee are now appended to this report.
4. An oral update will be given on the recommendations of the 13 January meeting of the Finance and Performance Management Scrutiny Panel on the detailed draft budgets for each Portfolio. Any comments or amendments suggested will also be reported orally to this Committee, as will the views of the Finance and Performance Management Cabinet Committee being held on 26 January.
5. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is now asked to consider the recommendations of the Finance and Performance Management Cabinet Committee and the Finance and Performance Management Scrutiny Panel.