

# **Report to Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

**Date of meeting: 28 January 2010**

**Subject: Council Budgets 2010/11**

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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:**

- The revised Overview and Scrutiny arrangements are now well established and the budget has followed the same schedule of meetings as in recent years. 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.
- The timetable for the approval of the 2010/11 budgets is as follows:

Finance & Performance Management Scrutiny Panel	12 January 2010
Finance & Performance Management Cabinet Committee	25 January 2010
Overview & Scrutiny Committee	28 January 2010
Cabinet	1 February 2010
Full Council	16 February 2010
- The Finance and Performance Management Scrutiny Panel are presented with the detailed Directorate budgets and have the opportunity to question Directors and Portfolio Holders. Therefore, this Committee had previously only received a report from the Chairman of that Panel and the Medium Term Financial Strategy. However at the meeting of this Committee in January 2008 additional information was requested and so the full reports going to the Finance and Performance Management Cabinet Committee have subsequently been appended to this report.
- An oral update will be given on the recommendations of the 12 January meeting of the Finance and Performance Management Scrutiny Panel on the detailed draft budgets for each Directorate. 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 25 January.
- 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.