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DRAFT CABINET
08/12/2014 at 6.00 pm

Present: Councillors McMahon (Chair)
Councillors Akhtar, Brownridge, A Chadderton, Harrison,
Jabbarand Stretton

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence received.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

5 **MINUTES OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
PERFORMANCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY SELECT
COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 13TH NOVEMBER 2014**

Councillor McMahon requested a vote of thanks for the Chair of the Performance and Value Select Committee and the work of the Members for their added insight and value during the scrutiny of the budget

RESOLVED – That:

1. The deliberations and comments as contained in minutes of the as contained in the minutes of the Performance and Value for Money Select Committee held on the 13th November be noted.
2. A vote of thanks be sent to the Chair and Members of the Performance and Value Select Committee.

6 **BUDGET PROPOSALS 2015/16 & 2016/17**

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Interim Borough Treasurer which presented the Cabinet with detailed savings proposals of sufficient value to deliver a balanced budget for 2015/16, prior to the receipt of the Local Government Finance Settlement and further information essential to the setting of the 2015/16 budget.

Members were also provided with details of the current position in relation to the 2016/17 budget.

The report provided details of the current budget gap calculated for 2015/16 at £35.229m, for 2016/17 at £25.096m and the means to address in full the saving target for 2015/16.

The pro-forma budget saving proposals were detailed within the report with a summary at appendix 1 to the report however, there were three budget proposals totalling £7.758m for 2015/16 and £6.393m for 2016/17 for which public consultation had not

concluded and therefore the proposals were for the Cabinet to note at this time.

In addition to the equality impact assessments detailed within the report, a copy of the equality impact assessment in relation to B035: proposal one- Youth Service 0-19 offer was circulated to Members of the Cabinet at the meeting.

The approval sought from Members was to recommend to Full Council, budget saving proposals of £27.471m for 2015/16.

It was noted that the Performance and Value for Money Select Committee on the 13th November 2013, during consideration of the budget proposals and equality impact assessments requested further examination of 2 budget proposals at the next meeting of the Committee on the 11th December 2014:

- B035 – Redesigning services for Children, Young People and their Families (0-19 offer)
- C045 – Children’s Services Redesign (public consultation was not yet concluded)

Consultation

Public consultation in respect of the budget proposals commenced on the 1st August 2014 but would not fully conclude for some proposals until mid January. Comments received to date were summarised at appendix 8 to the report. Staff and Trade Union consultation commenced on the 2nd October and was completed on the 1st December 2014.

Three consultation period were still live, the details of which were summarised at appendix 5 of the report and the EIA documents in relation to those consultations/proposals were detailed at appendices 5 and 6 of the report.

Options /Alternatives

Option 1 – Recommend to Council the budget proposals totalling £27.471m for 2015/16 for approval.

Option 2 – Not to recommend the budget proposals as detailed within the report and recommend alternative budget proposals to Council.

Members considered the proposals and made observations in relation to the detail as contained within the report and proposed cuts in relation to public spending.

The Cabinet acknowledge the challenges facing the Council agreed that investment in the Borough via the regeneration projects and building new homes would generate income for the Council through council tax and business rates.

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Human Resources moved two amendments to the recommendations as detailed within the report.

1. To amend recommendation d). The recommendation to read: Recommends to Council for noting, the three budget proposals totalling £7.758m for 2015/16, C045 (Children’s Services Redesign £1.261m), C046 (Adult Social Services Redesign £6.197m) and D040 (Review District Arrangements £300k) for which the conclusion of public consultation exercises is still required (one of which, C045 will be subject to further scrutiny at the PVFM Select Committee meeting on 11th December 2014).

2. Add a further recommendation. That Cabinet notes the outcome of the public consultation for B035 in recommending this proposal for approval at Council, noting that the views from the PVFM Select Committee will be received by Council following the consideration of B035 at its meeting on 11th December 2014

RESOLVED – That:

1. The £35.229m of budget proposals set out in summary in at Appendix 1 to the report and in detail at appendices 3 and 6 of the report be noted.
2. The outcome of the public consultation for B035 – Proposal 1 Youth Service 0-19 offer as circulated at the meeting be noted in recommending the proposal to Council on the 17th December 2014.
Following consideration of the proposal at the meeting of the Performance and Value for Money Select Committee on the 11th December 2014, any views will be received Full Council at the 17th December 2014 meeting.
3. The three budget proposals totalling £7.758m for 2015/16 are referred to the Performance and Value for Money Select Committee in January for further scrutiny so that final consultation comments can be considered.
4. The information contained in the Equality Impact Assessment documents be noted.
5. The savings target may need to be revised as a result of further financial developments including changes to Government funding that may require the consideration of further budget proposals
6. The initial budget proposals for 2016/17 as detailed within the report be noted.

RECOMMENDATION – That

1. The budget proposals totalling £27.471m for 2015/16, as set out in Appendices 2 and 3 of the report be recommended to Full Council.
2. The three budget proposals totalling £7.758m for 2015/16, C045 (Children's Services Redesign £1.261m), C046 (Adult Social Services Redesign £6.197m) and D040 (Review District Arrangements £300k) for which the conclusion of public consultation exercises was still required (one of which, C045 will be subject to further scrutiny at the Performance and Value for Money Select Committee meeting on 11th December 2014) be recommended to Council for noting.

The meeting started at 6.00pm and finished at 6.26pm

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