

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Budget Recommendations

Recommendation	For Cabinet response / or Information request status
That Cabinet should ensure sufficient flexibility in adult care budgets to support where possible the outcomes of co-production exercises.	Agreed – this approach will be key to ensuring that the council continues to meet its statutory obligations to vulnerable adults in the most cost effective way.
That Cabinet should ensure a comprehensive financial risk register is maintained and updated, and considered at Cabinet on a quarterly basis.	Agreed – the format and the appropriate level of detail will be agreed with the S151 Officer.
That as part of financial risk management, Cabinet should consider and confirm a strategy to ensure adequate levels of reserves across the MTFS period.	Agreed – the S151 Officer will report formally on the adequacy of the council’s reserves as part of the statutory budget setting report to Council on 22 nd February. This review will be extended to cover the period of the MTFS when it is reviewed from May 2016 onwards.
That Cabinet should confirm arrangements for reviews of savings plans in 2016/17 (para 5.1.i) and ensure that OSC is consulted on the outcome of those reviews and any proposals made.	Agreed – Priority Boards will continue to exercise oversight of saving delivery plans and the outcomes from these arrangements will be set out in the regular quarterly budget monitoring reports that are considered by Cabinet and reviewed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
That Cabinet should consider further sources of income for the Council, and opportunities to maximise income from all sources, report and update OSC and Scrutiny Panels on income maximisation as appropriate.	Agreed – officers will be asked to consider the range of opportunities across the council and report their findings to the Cabinet. O&S Committee may additionally choose to incorporate reviews across individual areas into their work planning for 2016/17.
That individual Scrutiny Panels should monitor budgets in the priority areas they oversee through 2016/17, and report formally to OSC after Q2; and that OSC should formally consider overall budget performance after Q2 and make recommendations as appropriate.	Agreed – this can again be incorporated into the O&S Committee and scrutiny panel work planning for 2016/17 and I welcome this more focussed approach.