

APPENDIX D

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Budget Scrutiny Recommendations

Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel - Priority 1				
Ref	MTFS Proposal	Further info requested by the Panel (if appropriate)	Recommendation	Cabinet Response Required (Yes/No)
PC2	Children in Need of Support and Protection and Children in Care, Quality Assurance, Early Help	Further details of the proposed budget reductions arising from the rationalisation of the management of Children's Centres	None at this stage	N
Capital	Fortismere School	Further details of the proposal, including the amount of funding that would be required next year.	None at this stage	N
Comments:				
The Panel stated that they had a high level of confidence that the proposals within the MTFS would be deliverable. They also appeared to be achievable and realistic. They also welcomed the transparent and collaborative approach and the income generation that was proposed.				
Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel - Priority 3				
Ref	MTFS Proposal	Further info requested by the Panel (if appropriate)	Recommendation	Cabinet Response Required (Yes/No)
PL1	Additional HMO Licensing Scheme for HMO	The Panel sought assurances from Cabinet that the additional HMO licensing scheme would		Y

		be tenant focused and that the Council would monitor its impact on tenants, such as eviction rates and homelessness.		
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PL11	Flexible Police resources		The Panel recommended that Cabinet reconsider the proposed saving in relation to flexible police resources. In particular, consideration should be given to whether this would have a disproportionate impact on the east of the borough, which had a higher number of victims of crime. Cabinet should also consider whether this proposal was reflective of the fairness agenda. The Panel felt that this saving proposal was contrary to the priorities identified in the new Borough Plan around tackling crime. Fear of crime was one of the main issues identified by residents as part of the consultation in response to the new Borough Plan.	Y

Housing and Regeneration Scrutiny Panel - Priorities 4 & 5				
Ref	MTFS Proposal	Further info requested by the Panel (if appropriate)	Recommendation	Cabinet Response Required (Yes/No)
EC2	Reduction in consultancy budget.	More details on how much is spent on consultants altogether, including through capital costs.	That consideration be given to further reducing consultancy costs and that senior managers should always examine whether functions can be carried out another way rather than through consultants.	Y
EC4	Tackling uncrystallised debt	A progress update to be provided to the Panel in future (the proposal involves tackling a backlog of outstanding rent reviews and lease renewals).		N
EC5	Outdoor media advertising	<p>More details on the cost of the consultancy work that has been carried out on this proposal.</p> <p>Information on how much other boroughs had been able to raise through similar outdoor advertising initiatives. The consultants have been carrying out a benchmarking study on</p>	<p>That consideration be given to whether it would be possible to obtain some advertising revenue in 2019/20. (Income is currently projected from 2020/21 onwards)</p> <p>That consideration be given to avoiding excessive street clutter when implementing the scheme.</p>	Y

		this with findings expected to be available in January.		
HO1	Temporary Accommodation reduction plan	More information to be brought to the Panel at the March meeting about the different funding models available for increasing the supply of Temporary Accommodation.		N
Capital Scheme 513	Muswell Hill Flats	N/A	That the flats should be used for social rent and not shared ownership as currently proposed.	Y
N/A	N/A (General query)	More details on the overall Housing, Regeneration & Planning staffing budget.		N
N/A	N/A (General query)	More details on the current void rate and rental income from properties in the commercial portfolio.		N
Comments				
The Panel noted that they were not able to fully scrutinise the Capital section of the budget as Members felt that the information that they received did not contain sufficient detail.				

N.B. Adults and Health Panel (Priority 2) to follow.