



Haringey Council

Cover for:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee/Communities Scrutiny Panel/Environment and Health Scrutiny Panel/Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel/Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel
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Title:	Scrutiny of the Draft Medium Term Financial Plan
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1. Haringey Constitution

- As laid out in Part 4, Section G of the Haringey Constitution, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall undertake scrutiny of the Council's budget through a Budget Scrutiny process. The procedure by which this operates is detailed in the Protocol covering the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- Also laid out in this section is that the Chair of the Budget Scrutiny Review process will be drawn from among the opposition party Councillors sitting on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall not be able to change the appointed Chair unless there is a vote of no confidence as outlined in Article 6.5 of the Constitution.

2. Overview and Scrutiny Protocol

- The Overview and Scrutiny Protocol lays out the process of Budget Scrutiny and includes the following points:

- The budget shall be scrutinised by each Scrutiny Review Panel, in their respective areas. Their reports shall go to the OSC for approval. The areas of the budget which are not covered by the Scrutiny Review Panels shall be considered by the main OSC.
- A lead OSC member from the largest opposition group shall be responsible for the co-ordination of the Budget Scrutiny process and recommendations made by respective Scrutiny Review Panels relating to the budget.
- Overseen by the lead member referred to in paragraph 9.2, each Scrutiny Review Panel shall hold a meeting following the release of the December Cabinet report on the new 3-year Medium Term Financial Plan. Each Panel shall consider the proposals in this report, for their respective areas. The Scrutiny Review Panels may request that the Cabinet Member for Finance and Sustainability and/or Senior Officers attend these meetings to answer questions.
- Each Scrutiny Review Panel shall submit their final budget scrutiny report to the OSC meeting in January containing their recommendations/proposal in respect of the budget for ratification by the OSC.
- The recommendations from the Budget Scrutiny process, ratified by the OSC, shall be fed back to Cabinet. As part of the budget setting process, the Cabinet will clearly set out its response to the recommendations/proposals made by the OSC in relation to the budget.

3. Budget Scrutiny & Haringey Corporate Plan

- Scrutiny Members should consider the savings and investments as outlined in the Draft Medium Term Financial Plan taking into account the agreed key priorities of the Council. The agreed key priorities and outcomes as stated in the Corporate Plan 2013-2015 are:

The outcomes we are seeking	Priorities
<p>Outstanding for all: Enabling all Haringey children to thrive</p>	<p>1. Work with schools, early years and post 16 providers, to deliver high quality education for all Haringey children and young people</p> <p>2. Enable every child and young person to thrive and achieve their potential</p>
<p>Safety and wellbeing for all: A place where everyone feels safe and has a good quality of life</p>	<p>3. Make Haringey one of the safest boroughs in London</p> <p>4. Safeguard adults and children from abuse and neglect wherever possible, and deal with it appropriately and effectively if it does occur</p> <p>5. Provide a cleaner, greener environment and safer streets</p>

	6. Reduce health inequalities and improve wellbeing for all
Opportunities for all: A successful place for everyone	7. Drive economic growth in which everyone can participate 8. Deliver regeneration at priority locations across the Borough 9. Ensure that everyone has a decent place to live
A better council: Delivering responsive, high quality services and encouraging residents who are able to help themselves to do so	10. Ensure the whole council works in a customer focussed way 11. Get the basics right for everyone 12. Strive for excellent value for money

- On consideration of the Draft MTFP Scrutiny Members should make recommendations to be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for approval, prior to approval and referral to Cabinet for consideration.

4. Timetable

Budget Scrutiny training Date: November 2013	Budget Scrutiny training session for OSC and Panel Members.
<u>Scrutiny Panels:</u> E&H –2 Dec CSP –2 Dec CYP –5 Dec A&H –12 Dec OSC: 16 Dec	Scrutiny Panels and OSC scrutinise Draft MTFP and any budget saving identified in their area of responsibility. Cabinet Member for Finance & Senior Officers attend to answer questions.
Early Dec	Local Government Settlement
17 th December	Draft budget report at Cabinet
Dec-early Jan	Actions from Budget Panel meetings and OSC

	<p>Budget meeting followed up.</p> <p>OSC Budget Scrutiny report formulated ensuring legal and finance comments and input.</p>
23 rd January	<p>Final Budget Scrutiny Report and recommendations approved by OSC and formally referred to Cabinet.</p>
11 th February	<p>Cabinet.</p> <p>OSC recommendations from the Budget Scrutiny process report to Cabinet for response.</p> <p>As part of the budget setting process, the Cabinet will clearly set out its response to the recommendations/ proposals made by the OSC in relation to the budget.</p>
26 th February	<p>Budget setting at Full Council</p>

5. Areas covered by each Scrutiny body

- Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Panels are asked to consider the draft MTFP in relation to the areas which their OSC/panels cover, as agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in July 2013.
- These areas are:

Scrutiny body	Policy service /areas covered
<p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>Cllr Bull</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Performance ▪ External Partnerships ▪ Northumberland Park Project ▪ Corporate Policy & Strategy ▪ Communications ▪ Legal services ▪ Human resources ▪ Organisational development ▪ Council Budget ▪ Corporate property ▪ IT ▪ Customer Services ▪ Benefits ▪ Regeneration ▪ Employment/worklessness ▪ Community cohesion ▪ Tottenham Regeneration Project ▪ St Ann's redevelopment ▪ Partnership arrangements ▪ Carbon reduction
<p>Adults and Health</p> <p>Chair:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adult social care ▪ Public Health ▪ Link with CCG ▪ Health and Wellbeing Board ▪ Adult health services ▪ Children's health services

<p>Cllr Adamou</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transition ▪ Changes to service provision ▪ Voluntary sector ▪ Safeguarding policy
<p>Children and Young People</p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>Cllr Newton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Looked after Children ▪ Fostering and adoption ▪ Education e.g. exam results & school improvements ▪ Youth offending ▪ Safeguarding ▪ Effectiveness of partnership working ▪ Child poverty ▪ Safeguarding Policy
<p>Housing and Environment</p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>Cllr McNamara</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recycling and waste management ▪ Highways ▪ Sustainable transport ▪ Parking ▪ Parks and Open spaces ▪ Planning & Licensing ▪ Enforcement ▪ Strategic housing policy, social housing, housing allocations.
<p>Communities</p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>Cllr Winskill</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Crime and disorder ▪ Libraries ▪ Culture ▪ Leisure ▪ Equalities ▪ Domestic violence ▪ Area Forums and Committees