

Report for: Overview and Scrutiny – 25th January 2016

Item number: 13

Title: Budget Scrutiny 2016/17

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Ward(s) affected: N/A

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision:** N/A

1. Describe the issue under consideration

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee's role in scrutinising the budget is set out in the Council's Constitution (Part 4 Section G) and further described in the Scrutiny Protocol.

The attached report is being considered by the Cabinet on 19th January and forms the basis for proposals that will be considered by the Full Council in order to set the budget and associated Council tax for the 2016/17 financial year.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider and provide any recommendations on the content of this report that will be reviewed and responded to by the Cabinet prior to the final budget recommendations being made to the Full Council.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

Not Applicable

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- the attached report to the 19th January Cabinet meeting is considered fully by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in the capacity of their Budget Scrutiny function;
- the Committee agree the formal recommendations they would wish to make to the Cabinet for their consideration and response before the final 2016/17 budget proposals are made to the Full Council.

4. Reasons for decision

The Council's budget setting process provides for a formal scrutiny process to be undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This attached report forms the basis of the council's 2016/17 budget proposals for the purposes of budget scrutiny.

5. Alternative options considered

Not applicable.

6. Background information

The attached report includes all of the relevant budget scrutiny information.

7. Use of Appendices

Cabinet report – 19th January 2016 –2016/17 Budget

8. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- a. Council's Constitution (Part 4 Section G)
- b. Scrutiny Protocol.