

**Report for:** Overview & Scrutiny 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016

**Item number:** 11

**Title:** 2015/16 Overview & Scrutiny Committee Budget  
Recommendations Update

**Report**

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**1. Describe the issue under consideration**

1.1. This report sets out an update to the 2015/16 O&S Committee Budget recommendations.

**2. Cabinet Member Introduction**

2.1. This report highlights that good progress has been made against all the recommendations proposed by the O&S Committee as part of the 2015/16 Budget setting process.

**3. Recommendations**

That the Committee:

3.1. Note the progress on the recommendations found in Appendix 1 attached

**4. Reasons for decision**

4.1. A strong financial management framework, including oversight by Members and senior management, is an essential part of delivering the Council's priorities and statutory duties.

**5. Alternative options considered**

5.1. This is an update on recommendations as such there are no alternative options.

**6. Background information**

6.1. As part of the 2015/16 Budget setting process a number of recommendations were put forward by the Committee to be taken forward as part of the 2016/17 Budget process.

**7. Contribution to strategic outcomes**

Adherence to strong and effective financial management will enable the Council to deliver all of its stated objectives and priorities.

## **8. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)**

### **Finance**

- 8.1 This report has been agreed to by the CFO. There are no financial implications of this report.

### **Legal**

- 8.2 There are no legal impacts of this report.

### **Equalities**

- 8.3 The Council has a public sector equality duty under the Equalities Act (2010) to have due regard to:

- Tackle discrimination and victimisation of persons that share the characteristics protected under S4 of the Act. These include the characteristics of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex (formerly gender) and sexual orientation;
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not; and
- Foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not.

- 8.4 This report provides an update on the current position in relation to planned MTFS savings and mitigating actions to address current overspends. Given the impact on services of savings targets, all MTFS savings were subject to equalities impact assessment as reported to Full Council on 23rd February 2015.

- 8.5 Any planned mitigating actions that may have an impact beyond that identified within the MTFS impact assessment process will be subject to new equalities impact assessment.

## **9 Use of Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Update on recommendations

## **10 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

- Periods 1-3 Monthly Financial Report

For access to the background papers or any further information please contact Anna D'Alessandro – Lead Finance Officer.