

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Overview And Scrutiny Coordinating Group

Date of Committee 07 July 2008

Report Title Budget Scrutiny

Summary This report outlines the budget process

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? No.

Background papers None

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) N/A
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive
- Legal Sarah Duxbury
- Finance
- Other Strategic Directors David Carter, Strategic Director of Performance and Development
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION YES

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

Further consideration by this Committee

To Council

To Cabinet

To an O & S Committee

To an Area Committee

Further Consultation

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Recommendation

That the Group considers the involvement of overview and scrutiny in the budget process.

Scrutiny takes place at 6 different levels within the budget process:

- Directorates - within directorates DMTs agree which proposals should go forward to the corporate process and the prioritisation of any service development proposals.
- Corporate Finance - to check proposals for completeness, compliance with the guidelines, accuracy and that any statements made justifying proposals are valid. Any unresolved issues go forward as a report to the next stage of the process.
- SDLT - through the Star Chamber SDLT consider all the spending/savings proposals in light of the guidelines issued by Cabinet and evaluate them and prioritise between services.
- Cabinet - review how SDLT has responded to their guidelines and parameters and make any amendments they want prior to publication of their draft resolution.
- O&S Committees - have the opportunity to call in the relevant parts of the resolution for consideration. (Last year this was done via an informal meeting of opposition spokespeople and O&S chairs calling SDLT in front of them).
- Political Groups - Call SDLT/HoS in for meetings both collectively and individually to question them on the detail of the proposals and seek views on alternative proposals that more closely match their political priorities.

Attached as Appendix A is a diagram of the County Council's budget process which may help put some of the descriptions above into context.

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2009/10 Budget and Medium Term Financial Planning Process

