

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Resources, Performance and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of Committee 10 June 2008

Report Title 2009/10 Budget and Council Tax Consultation: Process

Summary This report outlines the process to be undertaken for the 2009/10 budget and council tax consultation with the public.

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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) Cllr Booth, Cllr Atkinson, Cllr Haynes
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member Cllr Cockburn for information
- Chief Executive
- Legal Sarah Duxbury
- Finance David Clarke – reporting officer
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals Paul Williams, Scrutiny Officer

FINAL DECISION No

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

Further consideration by
this Committee

To Council

To Cabinet

The results of the consultation process will be presented to Cabinet at its meeting on 8 January 2009.

To an O & S Committee

To an Area Committee

Further Consultation

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Report of the Strategic Director, Resources

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee:

- Consider the proposals for public consultation on the 2009/10 Budget and Council Tax.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The budget is a statement, in financial terms, of the authority's plans for the financial year. As such the authority has considered it best practice to seek the priorities and views of all stakeholders in its preparation. This is done throughout the year as part of our corporate consultation process.

2 Proposals for 2009/10 Budget Consultation

- 2.1 The report to the Resources, Performance and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee in June last year proposed to limit future consultation to the use of the Citizens Panel with an option to present to the Area Committees. This was approved by Cabinet at their 19 July 2007 meeting. This process was completed last year with a response rate of over 50% for the Citizens Panel survey and the results were presented to Cabinet in January 2008. There are no plans to change the process for 2009/10.

3 Results

- 3.1 In order for the information to be presented to members in time for them to take account of the views from the consultation in the budget setting process it is proposed that the results and analysis from the 2009/10 budget public consultation process will be presented for consideration at Cabinet on 8th January 2009.
- 3.2 The date of the Resources, Performance and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee before the 8th January Cabinet is 11th November 2008. This means that the results of the consultation process will not be available to this Committee until after they have been reported to Cabinet in January 2009.

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