

SUBJECT:	2024/25 DRAFT REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET PROPOSALS
MEETING:	PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	1st February 2024
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To allow Committee scrutiny of Cabinet's draft revenue and capital budget proposals for the financial year 2024/25.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS TO PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- 2.1 That the draft revenue and capital budget proposals for 2024/25 are considered as part of the Committee's role to scrutinise policy and services delivered to residents that promotes community safety and well-being and supports sustainable, resilient communities.
- 2.2 That Committee relay any resultant observations and recommendations back to the executive (Cabinet), to inform the wider ongoing budget consultation process.

3 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Cabinet's draft budget proposals are available for formal public consultation and member scrutiny, including the requirement to consult businesses. The formal consultation period will run for a period of four weeks ending on 15th February 2024.
- 3.2 Cabinet are interested in consultation views on the draft proposals and the underlying budget strategy adopted. The consultation period provides the opportunity for Members, the public, community groups, and other key stakeholders (e.g. town and community councils) to consider the budget proposals and make comments on them. Cabinet will not however, be prepared to recommend anything to Council on 29th February that has not been subject to a Future Generations Assessment and Equality Impact Assessment, and therefore a deadline to receive alternative proposals has been set as 15th February 2024.

- 3.3 Given the nature and extent of the budget challenge faced for 2024/25 and the range and extent of the budget savings proposals, it is important that the Council reaches out, engages and listens to feedback. This will in turn inform the final budget proposals that are to be considered in February.
- 3.4 Final budget proposals following consultation and receipt of the final settlement will go to the Cabinet meeting on 28th February 2024 and approval of Council Tax and final budget proposals will take place at full Council on 29th February 2024.

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1	2024/25 Budget consultation presentation
Appendix 2	Cabinet meeting 17 th January 2024 – 2024/25 Draft Budget papers

BACKGROUND PAPERS

List of full Future Generations Evaluations:

[Budget cost pressures](#)

[Budget cost savings](#)

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