



**People Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Wednesday 1st February 2017**

REPORT TITLE:	2017/18 Budget Scrutiny Report
REPORT OF:	Councillor Moira McLaughlin, Chair of the Committee

REPORT SUMMARY

This report presents the work of the People Overview & Scrutiny Committee in relation to scrutinising the 2017/18 budget proposals. This follows a workshop held on Tuesday 10th January for Members to explore in more detail the various budget proposals being put forward that fall under the remit of this committee. A report is included as an appendix to this report. The People Overview & Scrutiny Committee is requested to acknowledge this report as its response to the 2017/18 budget proposals to be referred to Cabinet as part of its considerations in developing any budget recommendation to Council.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- Committee acknowledges this report as its response to the 2017/18 budget proposals.
- Committee refers this report to Cabinet as part of its considerations in developing any budget recommendation to Council.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

The recommendations will enable the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee's comments in relation to the 2017/18 budget proposals to be referred for future consideration by Cabinet.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not Applicable

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A consistent approach for the scrutiny of the 2017/18 budget proposals was presented to each of the three Overview & Scrutiny Committees in November 2016. It was proposed to follow a similar approach to that adopted for the 2016/17 budget process with a separate workshop for each of the three Overview & Scrutiny committees.

The complete list of budget proposals was reviewed by the Chair and Spokespersons of the committee and those proposals falling within the committee's remit were prioritised for further scrutiny at the workshop. Relevant officers were invited to the workshop to provide an overview and to answer questions for the proposals selected.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are none arising from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are none arising from this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

There are none arising from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

There are none arising from this report.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

This report is for information to Members and there are no direct equality implications.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1: 2017/18 Budget Proposals - Scrutiny Report of People Overview & Scrutiny Committee

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date