

## **APPENDIX 5 – DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT**

### **ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 31 JANUARY 2017**

#### **42. 2017/18 BUDGET SCRUTINY REPORT**

A report from the Chair presented the work of Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee in relation to scrutinising the 2017/18 budget proposals. A workshop had been held on 18 January for Members to explore in more detail the various budget proposals being put forward that fell under the remit of this committee. A report on the workshop was included as an appendix to the report. The Committee was requested to acknowledge this report as its response to the 2017/18 budget proposals to be referred on to Cabinet as part of its considerations in developing any budget recommendation to Council.

The Chair then opened the matter up for debate by the Committee.

Councillor Walsh indicated that in relation to the comments captured on the proposal for garden waste collection he reiterated that his comments were that the Council should look into increasing the charge for additional garden waste bins.

The Chair indicated that at any point Members could make suggestions for budget saving and these would be fed into the consultation.

Cllr Muspratt asked for the targeting of the dog fouling patrol to concentrate on areas where it could best enforce Council policy, as she believed the Council to be unable to fine individuals in certain green spaces that were currently patrolled.

Councillor Carubia suggested that the Council should consider ceasing the Wirral View as this was a cost to the Council. In response Councillor Sullivan reported that the publication was delivered at no extra cost, therefore the suggestion that the publication relied on additional investment was inaccurate.

#### **RESOLVED: That**

- (1) That the report and the Committee's response to the 2017/18 budget proposals be noted; and**
- (2) the report be referred to Cabinet as part of its considerations in developing any budget recommendation to Council.**