



**Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Wednesday 31st January 2018**

REPORT TITLE:	2018/19 Budget Scrutiny Report
REPORT OF:	Councillor Paul Stuart, Chair of the Committee

REPORT SUMMARY

This report presents the work of the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee in relation to scrutinising the 2018/19 budget proposals. This follows a workshop held on Wednesday 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 Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee is requested to acknowledge this report as its response to the 2018/19 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 2018/19 budget proposals, making any amendments as necessary.
- 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 Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee's comments in relation to the 2018/19 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 2018/19 budget proposals was agreed by the Chairs of each of the four Overview & Scrutiny Committees in November 2017. It was proposed to follow a similar approach to that adopted for the 2017/18 budget process with a separate workshop for each of the 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. The final report is attached as **Appendix 1** to this report.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are none arising from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are none arising from this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

6.1 There are none arising from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 There are none arising from this report.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 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: 2018/19 Budget Proposals - Scrutiny Report of Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date