

Council Report

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 16 January 2019

Report Title

Budget Consultation 2019-20 & 2020-21

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

All

Executive Summary

The report presents the findings of the recent public consultation on the Council budget for 2019-20 and 2020-21, which took place from October 26th to November 30th 2018.

The purpose of the consultation was to seek the views on specific proposals for the Council budget over the next two years, and to inform the public about the necessity of working in a different way and the scale of the challenges faced due to ongoing Government reductions.

A total of 1,181 people participated in the consultation overall, through online engagement, face-to-face sessions, letters and emails. The report gives a more detailed breakdown of responses and issues raised.

Following this meeting, the report will be considered as part of the budget setting process in February 2019.

Following the Budget Scrutiny process in October 2018, the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Board wrote to the Chief Executive to provide an interim response from the Board on the budget proposals. The Chief Executive responded to the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Board in December 2018 and a copy of this response to appended to the report.

Recommendations

1. That the reported be noted.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Letters from Organisations

Appendix 2 Response to the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Board from the Chief Executive

Background Papers

None

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

No

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No