

**Committee:** Cabinet

**Date of Meeting:** 8 January 2020

<b>Subject:</b>	Recommendations from the Performance and Finance Standing Panel in respect of the Medium-Term Financial Plan
<b>Lead Officer:</b>	Councillor B.J.F. Cheyne, Chairman of the Performance and Finance Standing Panel on behalf of the Performance and Finance Standing Panel  (Head of Finance and Head of Organisational Development)
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Leader of the Council - Councillor S.J. Selleck Portfolio Holder for Resources – Councillor C.R. Sadler
<b>Link to Council Priorities:</b>	All
<b>Exempt information:</b>	None
<b>Delegated Status:</b>	For recommendation to Council on 26 February 2020
<b>Key Decision:</b>	Yes

**Executive Summary:**

To consider the minute extract from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the recommendations from the Performance and Finance Standing Panel in respect of the Medium-Term Financial Plan.

**Recommended: that the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, attached at Appendix A, regarding the recommendations from the Performance and Finance Standing Panel in respect of the Medium-Term Financial Plan be considered.**

*PLEASE NOTE: whilst the report considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has not been re-circulated with this agenda, it can be viewed via your iPad by accessing the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agenda for the 21 November 2019.*

**Report:**

1. At its meeting on 21 November 2019, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report from the Performance and Finance Standing Panel in relation to the Medium-Term Financial Plan.
2. The relevant Minute extract and recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is attached at Appendix A.
3. The discussion outlined in Appendix A is in reference to the groups being established in 2019/20 but their work would inform the 2021/22 budget process.

**Financial Implications:**

None directly as a result of the report.

**Environmental/Sustainability Implications:**

None for the purposes of this report.

**Legal Implications:**

There are no general legal issues arising from the report. Specific legal issues, if any, will be addressed as part of the proposed budget preparations.

The Council has a legal obligation to set a balanced budget each year. The Council Tax, however, must be set by 10 March 2020.

**Equality Implications:**

In developing budget proposals regard must be had to the Council's duties under the Equality Act 2010 and appropriate steps taken to ensure that (i) the Council meets the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duties; and (ii) due regard has / is been taken of the likely impact of decisions in terms of equality and discrimination.

Where required, detailed Equalities Impact assessments will be undertaken for individual budget savings proposals at each stage of the budget process and the information revealed by these assessments will be taken into account in the decision-making process.

**Risk Implications:**

The two biggest risks to the budget process are non-delivery of the approved budget reductions and income levels which is mitigated by the Contingency budget and close monitoring by finance officers and Council Management Board.

**Community Safety Implications:**

There are no direct Community Safety implications as part of this report.

**Principal Consultees:**

Council Management Board

**Background Papers:**

None for the purposes of this report.

**Enclosures/Appendices:**

Minute extract from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Appendix A – Report considered by the Performance and Finance Panel in respect of Bridging the Funding Gap

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