

## **REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER - FINANCE**

### **RESPONSE TO OVERVIEW COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY PROPOSALS**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To share any issues raised by Overview Committee in its consideration of the draft proposals for the Council's Budget 2023-24 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2023-24 to 2026-27 and the subsequent response to those issues from the Cabinet Member – Finance.

#### **Information**

2. In accordance with the Council's revised Constitution and updated Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules, agreed as part of the move to the new Executive arrangements in May 2022, Overview Committee has an important part to play in the scrutiny and development of the Council's Budget proposals each year.
3. Overview Committee, at its meeting on 1 December 2022, considered the Budget Update report that set out the financial context for the Council together with the implications for the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy 2026-27.
4. The draft documents that make up the Budget proposals for 2023-24 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2023-24 to 2026-27 have been shared with Overview Committee for consideration at its meeting on 24 January 2023.
5. That meeting will be attended by the Cabinet Member- Finance and the Service Director for Finance, Infrastructure & Improvement (Section 151 Officer) who will give an introductory presentation and respond to any initial queries at the meeting.
6. The Cabinet Member - Finance will also take away any key issues which the Committee agrees require consideration as part of the budget setting process at the Cabinet meeting on 26 January 2023.
7. In light of the relative timings of the Overview Committee and Cabinet meetings, an **addendum** to this report, detailing the key issues referred by Overview Committee and the response of the Cabinet Member-Finance will be produced and circulated electronically as soon as possible after the Overview Committee meeting and ahead of the Cabinet meeting. This will also be published on the relevant Cabinet agenda page on the Council's website and

will thereby be made available to all County Councillors and members of the public in advance of the meeting.

8. This is a link to that website page:

<http://ws43-0000.nccadmin.ad.nottscc.gov.uk/dmsadmin/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/5777/Committee/539/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

### **Other Options Considered**

9. For the Cabinet Member to provide an oral response to the issues raised by Overview Committee at the Cabinet meeting on 26 January 2023 but that approach would not be as transparent as the process being followed.

### **Reasons for Recommendations**

10. To enable the views of Overview Committee on the 2023-24 Budget proposals and Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2023-24 to 2026-27 to be given due consideration by Cabinet.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the issues raised by Overview Committee and the subsequent response of the Cabinet Member-Finance, as detailed in the addendum to this report (to be circulated ahead of the Cabinet meeting) be noted and given due consideration by Cabinet.

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### **Constitutional Comments (HD – 13/1/2023)**

12. In accordance with the Council's Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules, Cabinet is the appropriate body of Council to consider the views of Overview Committee on its draft budget proposals before finalising those proposals in a report to Council for its consideration, showing how the Cabinet has taken into account any recommendations from the Overview Committee.

## **Financial Comments (CSB 12/01/2023)**

13. Any specific financial implications arising from Overview Committee's consideration will be addressed as part of the Cabinet Member's response.

## **Background Papers**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Budget Update Report and Consultation - report to Overview Committee – 1 December 2022 and minutes of that meeting (published)
- Budget Report 2023-24

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All