

JOINT (ALL) OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Members of each of the Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committees are invited to attend this joint meeting. For practical purposes, the joint meeting is being convened as a single meeting but separate minutes will be taken for each Overview & Scrutiny Committee as if it were a special meeting of each of them.

Members are requested to bring with them to the meeting their copy of the budget report to the Cabinet Meeting on 23 January.

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AGENDA ITEMS

1 **MEMBERSHIP AND CHAIRMAN OF MEETING** (Pages 1 - 2)

Details of the Memberships of the Committees are attached.

The Committees are asked to agree a Chairman for the meeting.

2 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman will announce details of the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or building's evacuation.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (IF ANY) - RECEIVE

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to declare any interests in any of the items on the agenda at this point of the meeting. Members may still declare an interest in an item at any time prior to the consideration of the matter.

5 THE COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL STRATEGY (Pages 3 - 76)

Members are asked to retain, and to bring with them to the meeting, the report to be considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 23 January. The Cabinet's decisions will be announced at the meeting.

The Cabinet will consider any concerns etc. raised at the joint meeting before formulating its recommendations on the budget and Council Tax for 2013/14 and thus this is the Overview and Scrutiny Committees' opportunity to scrutinise the budget proposals.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committees, individually and collectively:

- 1. **Receive** a presentation from the Leader of the Council and note the proposed revenue priorities relevant to the service(s)
- 2. **Note** the financial position of the Council.
- 3. **Note** that the report is formally consulting them on the proposed Corporate budget adjustments and that this is the opportunity to scrutinise the budget proposals.
- **4. Consider** the proposals and what, if any, representations they wish to make upon them.

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