

Overview and Scrutiny Board Note to Cabinet

Following the presentation Members asked and received answers to several questions from the Chief Executive and other senior officers. However, Members had the following specific comments regarding the budget strategy and its demand impacts that they wished to put before Cabinet at its meeting on 8 February 2017.

In relation to the future collection of Business Rates Members asked that consideration be given to investigating the use of alternative premises for small/start up businesses to help attract/keep these businesses within the borough.

In relation to the introduction of a commercial vehicle tariff Members asked that thorough consultation with residents be undertaken to assess the suitability of such a proposal and that the Council should be seen by residents to be keeping its own house in order by introducing the tariff for its own employees who take Council vehicles home and use resident's parking. Suggestions were also made as to whether the tariff could be based on the vehicle's GVWR (gross vehicle weight rating).

Members also requested that the proposed swimming pool at the new Hornchurch Leisure Centre be a full size 50m competition pool which would attract additional users and provide revenue opportunities going forward.

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