

Cabinet, 17 February 2021

Overview and Scrutiny Board – Comments on Cabinet Report on Budget Setting 2021/22 and Medium Term Financial Strategy (including associated reports on Housing Revenue Account Budget 2021/22, Capital Programme and Strategy 2021/22 and 2021/22 Treasury Management Strategy Statement)

At its meeting on 16 February 2021, the Overview and Scrutiny Board agreed the following comments for consideration by Cabinet when the above items are discussed at the meeting of Cabinet on 17 February 2021:

- The reports contained an overall lack of sufficient detail on the proposals and on what the impact of proposed savings would be on the delivery of current services. This had made it more difficult for the issues to be fully evaluated and scrutinised and for alternative budget proposals to be put forward.
- The Board was disappointed at the relatively low numbers of responses to the consultation and suggests that consideration be given to the increased use of remote meeting technology etc in order to facilitate a higher level of consultation responses in future years.
- That presentations giving details of the following specific issues be given to a future meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board:
 1. The Better Living Project
 2. The Council's Transformation Programme