

COMMITTEE REPORT APPENDIX

Meeting/Date	Joint Commissioning Board 10th July 2006
Report of	PCT Director of Finance
Subject	Budget 2006-07
Wards affected	All

Financial implications

Included within the body of the report.

Finance Officer consulted: Michael Schofield/Nigel Manvell, Date: 27th June 2006

Legal implications

In reaching its decisions in relation to its budget, the council needs to have regard to a number of general points. It must provide the services, which, statutorily, it is obliged to provide. Where there is power to provide services, rather than a duty, it has a discretion to provide such services. It must observe its other legal duties, such as the duty to achieve best value and comply with the Human Rights Act 1998. It must act in accordance with its general fiduciary duties to its council tax payers to act with financial prudence. Finally, it must bear in mind the reserve powers of the Secretary of State under the Local Government Act 1999 to limit council tax & precepts.

Legal Officer consulted: Hilary Priestley, Date 28th June 2006

Corporate/Citywide implications

The Partnership's financial position can impact on levels of council tax and service levels and therefore has citywide implications.

Risk assessment

A risk assessment is undertaken in relation to the management of individual budgets.

Sustainability implications

There are no direct sustainability implications arising from this report. However, it is believed that the reputation of the council's financial control framework and its ability to demonstrate sound budgetary control could have an impact on the willingness of other funding partners to invest in and with the council. This could affect the level of inward investment in respect of projects that contribute towards sustainability.

Equalities implications

There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report, although reductions in expenditure or service levels may reduce opportunities or access to services and employment for communities of interest. As previously stated, the council's financial standing could affect opportunities for investment and partnership working, which could be advantageous to particular areas or groups.

Implications for the prevention of crime and disorder

There are no direct prevention of crime and disorder implications arising from this report, although reductions in expenditure or service levels may

impact on these issues.
Background papers Detailed working paper files are held by Financial Services.
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