

# Environment and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee

## Agenda Item 40

Brighton & Hove City Council

**Subject:** Scrutiny of Directorate Budget Strategies  
**Date of Meeting:** 18 December 2009  
**Report of:** Director of Strategy & Governance  
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**Wards Affected:** All

### FOR GENERAL RELEASE

#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 The 15 December 2009 ECSOSC is a special meeting arranged to allow the committee to scrutinise the directorate budget strategies relevant to environment and community safety and in particular:

- Community Safety
- Parks and Green Spaces
- Travellers and Gypsies
- Highways Management and Transport
- Parking
- Waste
- Conservation and Design
- Coast Protection
- Seafront
- Environmental Health
- Building Control
- Trading Standards
- Planning and Licensing

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That the committee comments upon the draft budget strategies as appended to this report.

2.2 That the committee forwards its comments to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission (OSC) meeting of the 26 January 2010 to be incorporated into a single scrutiny response to the budget.

### 3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 As agreed at the OSC meeting of the 8 September 2009 each overview and scrutiny committee is being presented with the opportunity to scrutinise the budget proposals as they relate to their area of responsibility and forward comments to the OSC on the 26 January 2010.
- 3.2 The OSC will produce a single scrutiny response to the draft budget strategies that will be considered at Cabinet alongside a number of other budget related items on the 11 February 2010.
- 3.3 The full timetable for the budget setting process is set out in the table below.

Item	Meeting	Date
Budget Strategy	Cabinet	9/12/09
Scrutiny of culture and enterprise elements of the budget strategy	CTEOSC	14/12
OSC to consider the central services, equalities and sustainability elements of the budget strategy	OSC	15/12
Scrutiny of E&CS elements of the budget strategy	ECSOSC	18/12
Scrutiny to consider ASC&H elements of the budget strategy	ASCHOSC	21/12
Scrutiny to consider C&YPT elements of the budget strategy	CYPOSC	5/01/10
Council tax base	Cabinet	14/01
Summary scrutiny meeting taking comments from all committees and agreeing a scrutiny response to the budget. This will be tabled at Cabinet on the 11 <sup>th</sup> February.	OSC	26/01
Housing Revenue Account	HMCC	8/02
General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax	Cabinet	11/02
Housing Revenue Account	Cabinet	11/02
Capital Reserves and Capital Investment	Cabinet	11/02
Budget Council	Council	25/02

- 3.4 Appendix A is relevant extracts from the report to be considered at the 9 December Cabinet meeting. Members should note that this report has been drafted prior to the 9 December meeting and as such some of the information may change. If there are any changes resulting from the Cabinet meeting these will be reported to ECSOSC.

### 4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken in regard to this report.

## **5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

### Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report, however members should take account of the financial implications in the appended report.

### Legal Implications:

- 5.2 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report, however members should take account of the legal implications in the appended report.

### Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 There are no equality implications arising directly from this report, however members should take account of the equality implications in the appended report.

### Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 There are no sustainability implications arising directly from this report, however members should take account of the sustainability implications in the appended report.

### Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 There are no crime and disorder implications arising directly from this report, however members should take account of the crime and disorder implications in the appended report.

### Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 There are no risk and opportunity management implications arising directly from this report, however members should take account of the risk and opportunity management implications in the appended report.

### Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 There are no corporate/citywide implications arising directly from this report, however members should take account of the corporate/citywide implications in the appended report.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendix:**

1. Extracts from the 9 December Cabinet Paper – Budget Update and Directorate Budget Strategies

### **Documents in Members' Rooms/ Background Documents:**

There are none.

