

Environment and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda Item 37

Brighton & Hove City Council

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| Subject: | Scrutiny of Directorate Budget Strategies | | |
| Date of Meeting: | 25 January 2011 | | |
| Report of: | Strategic Director Resources | | |
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| Wards Affected: | All | | |

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 This report gives ECSOSC the opportunity to scrutinise the proposed 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

1.2 “Budget update and budget strategies 2011/2012” was presented to 9 December Cabinet; the extract relevant to ECSOSC appears as Appendix A to this report.

1.3 For information, reports on fees and charges are included as Appendices B and C to this report.

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 1 February 2011 to be incorporated into a single scrutiny response to the budget.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 Similarly to 2009/2010, 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 1 February 2011.

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 17 February 2011.

3.3 The full timetable for the budget setting process, as reported to 22 July 2010 Cabinet, is set out in the table below.

| 2011/12 Budget Timetable | | |
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| Date | Meeting | Papers |
| 17 th June 2010 22 nd June 2010 1 st July 2010 | Cabinet Emergency Budget announced Budget Review Group | Report on in year grant reductions |
| 22 nd July 2010 | Cabinet | Budget update and budget process report In year grant reductions report |
| 2 nd Dec 2010 9 th Dec 2010 14 th Dec 2010 | Most likely date for settlement Cabinet OSC | Budget strategies Budget Strategies |
| 6 th Jan 2011 20 th Jan 2011 25 th Jan 2011 26 th Jan 2011 26 th Jan 2011 | ASCOSC Cabinet ESCOSC CTEOSC CYPOSC | Budget Strategies Tax base report Budget Strategies Budget Strategies Budget Strategies |
| 1 st Feb 2011 [3 rd Feb 2011] 10 th Feb 2011 17 th Feb 2011 | OSC East Sussex Fire Authority Sussex Police Authority Budget Cabinet | Budget Strategies Date to be confirmed Overall budget package |

| 2011/12 Budget Timetable | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Date | Meeting | Papers |
| 3 rd March 2011 | Budget Council | Overall budget package |

- 3.4 Appendix A are relevant extracts from the report considered at the 9 December 2010 Cabinet meeting and minutes extract.
- 3.5 Appendix B is a report on Licence Fees 2011/2012 considered at 18 November Licensing Committee plus extract from the draft minutes.
- 3.6 Appendix C is a report on fees and charges presented to 23 December Environment Cabinet Member meeting plus extract from the draft minutes.

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:

- A. Extracts from the 9 December Cabinet Paper – Budget Update and Directorate Budget Strategies plus extract from the minutes
- B. Report on Licence Fees 2011/2012 to 18 November Licensing Committee plus extract from the draft minutes.
- C. Report on Fees and Charges to 23 December 2010 Environment CMM plus extract from the draft minutes.

Documents in Members' Rooms/ Background Documents:

There are none.