

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Agenda Item 68

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Budget Scrutiny: Reports to 17 February Cabinet
Date of Meeting: 22 February 2011
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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission has been convened to review the budget proposals agreed at Cabinet on the 17 February 2011.
- 1.2 Members are being invited to scrutinise the budget papers attached and present to Budget Council any comments on what is proposed.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

- 2.1 That the Commission informs Budget Council of any comments on the budget proposals agreed at 17 February Cabinet.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 Members will be aware that the full budget proposals were not available for scrutiny at the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and as agreed an extra meeting has been convened.
- 3.2 The attached papers are those that went to Cabinet on the 17 February, namely:
 - Cabinet Agenda Item 164 – General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2011/12
 - Cabinet Agenda Item 165 – Capital Resources and Capital Investment programme 2011/12
 - Cabinet Agenda Item 166 – Housing Revenue Account Budget 2011/12
 - Cabinet Agenda Item 167 – Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme 2011-2014
- 3.3 Relevant draft extracts from the minutes of the Cabinet meeting will be distributed to OSC Members when they become available.

3.4 The role of overview and scrutiny is to ensure that the budget is set in an accountable manner and that it supports the Council's priorities.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 Consultation undertaken in developing the budget is set out in the attached reports.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

5.1 The financial implications to the budget proposals can be found in the appended reports from Cabinet.

Legal Implications:

5.2 The legal implications to the budget proposals can be found in the appended reports from Cabinet.

Equalities Implications:

5.3 There are no direct implications arising from this report, however major changes to service provision as a result of budget proposals should be subject to Equality Impact Assessment.

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 There are no direct implications arising from this report, however sustainability implications should be taken into account when developing budget proposals.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 There are no direct implications arising from this report, however crime and disorder implications should be considered when developing budget proposals.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 There are no direct implications arising from this report, however risk and opportunity management should be central to budget considerations.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 Robust scrutiny of the budget helps to improve final decision making. The corporate and citywide implications of the various budget proposals can be found in the appended reports.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

- Cabinet Agenda Item 164 – General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2011/12
- Cabinet Agenda Item 165 – Capital Resources and Capital Investment programme 2011/12
- Cabinet Agenda Item 166 – Housing Revenue Account Budget 2011/12
- Cabinet Agenda Item 167 – Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme 2011-2014

Documents In Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

None

