



Council Overview Board
13 April 2016

Budget Scrutiny

Purpose of the report: Scrutiny of Services and Budgets

The Council Overview Board will review the scrutiny of service's 2016/17 budgets and savings plans as precursor to further budget scrutiny at its June meeting.

Summary:

1. The Council Overview Board's recommendations to the Cabinet and its response are attached as annexes to this item.
2. Chairmen of the Scrutiny Boards have reported difficulties in obtaining detailed and timely information as part of this year's budget setting process. There was recognition that the significant reduction in the grant funding from Central Government, and the delay and uncertainty this caused in determining the budgets at directorate and service level made scrutiny particularly challenging this year.

Recommendations:

3. Members of the Board are asked to give their initial thoughts on the scrutiny of the budget setting process and consider how this can be better performed in 2016/17.

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