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Scrutiny: Co-operative Review

Summer Budget and Implication for Plymouth Residents

Wednesday 23 March 2016
4.30 pm
Council House, Plymouth

Members:

Councillor Kate Taylor, Chair
Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Bowie, Jordan, Sam Leaves, Ricketts, Stevens and Tuohy.

Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business overleaf.

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Tracey Lee
Chief Executive

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1. Apologies

To receive apologies for non-attendance by Panel members.

2. Declarations of Interest

Members will be asked to make any declarations of interest in respect of items on this agenda.

3. Chair's Urgent Business

To receive reports on business which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be brought forward for urgent consideration.

4. Co-operative Scrutiny Review: The Summer Budget and Implications for Plymouth Residents

Session 2: Social Housing , Right to Buy, Pay to Stay and Social Rent Reduction:

- 4a. Co-operative Review Request Form **(Pages 1 - 2)**
- 4b. Overview of Session 1: Working Age Benefits/Benefit Cap/Child Tax Credits
- 4c. Witness Timetable **(Pages 3 - 4)**
- 4d. Supporting Information
- 4e. Recommendations

REQUEST FOR A COOPERATIVE REVIEW



Please submit this document to Democratic Support once complete.

The request will be submitted to the Co-operative Scrutiny Board for consideration against the approval criteria and you will be notified of its success. If the Board approve the request for a Co-operative Review on the subject matter below then a project plan will be completed and you may be asked for further information.

<p>What is the name of the review?</p>	<p>The Summer Budget and Implications for Plymouth Residents</p>
<p>Please provide a brief outline of the subject and scope of the review?</p>	<p>On 8 July, Chancellor George Osborne delivered the first Conservative Budget since 1996.</p> <p>Whilst further cuts to overall public spending will not be clear until the completion of the spending review in the autumn, the Budget contained significant welfare reforms, net tax increases and higher government borrowing.</p> <p>The review will focus on the elements considered to impact most keenly on the residents of Plymouth.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working age benefits • Benefits cap • Free childcare entitlement • The youth obligation • Social housing (right to buy, pay to stay, rental rates) • National living wage <p>This budget may result in many Plymouth residents finding it difficult to manage financially.</p>
	<p>The main reasons of the review are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a matter of significant concern for members of the public and elected members.
<p>What will the review attempt to achieve?</p>	<p>It will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify the potential number of residents in Plymouth at risk of significant financial hardship; • Identify the impact on key city partners; • Identify how changes in other areas of the public sector will impact upon the demand for city partners services; • Ensure that there is a “single version of the truth” in respect of data and impact analysis on changes resulting from the

	<p>budget. This will require Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs and the Department for Work and Pensions being called as key witnesses;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make recommendations to cabinet in respect of future funding or alternative delivery of services in the wake of substantial changes announced in the Summer Budget.
Who will benefit from the review?	The beneficiaries will be residents of Plymouth, the Council and its partners.
How long do you think the review might take?	Details of numbers and scheduling of public meetings will be defined through the project planning process.
When do you think the review should commence and why?	This review should be undertaken immediately as it has been identified as an area of public concern.
When do you think the review should be completed by and why?	The review should be expedited and be completed at the earliest opportunity in order to influence the budget setting process.
Review requested by?	Councillor Kate Taylor

Received in Democratic Support Section:	Reviewed by the Co-operative Scrutiny Board:
Date:	Date:
Scrutiny Review Approved/Rejected	
If approved initial Project Plan meeting date:	

**Co-operative Scrutiny Review: The Summer Budget
and Implications for Plymouth Residents****Wednesday 23 March 2016****Session 2: Social Housing, Right to Buy, Pay to Stay and Social Rent Reduction**

Witnesses	Time
Paul Crawford – Devon Community Homes	4.45pm
Nigel Barnard - Westward Housing Sarah Wigmore – Westward Housing	5.15pm
John Clark – Plymouth Community Homes Sue Shaw – Plymouth Community Homes	5.45pm
Comfort Break	6.15pm
Recommendations	6.30pm

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