

Cabinet



Date of meeting:	08 January 2024
Title of Report:	Budget Engagement Highlight Report 2024/25
Lead Member:	Councillor Jemima Laing (Deputy Leader, and Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Culture, Events and Communications)
Lead Strategic Director:	David Northey (Interim Service Director for Finance)
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Your Reference:	BE_2024/25
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

This report provides an analysis of the responses received to the budget engagement activities carried out in 2023 in support of the 2024-25 budget setting process. The available results are presented to inform the budget discussions taking place before Cabinet recommend the budget to Council in February 2024.

Recommendations and Reasons

1. Cabinet to note the engagement report and consider the results in relation to the final budget recommendation to Council.
Reason: To ensure Cabinet are aware of the results and the views of the public are taken into consideration.

Alternative options considered and rejected

1. To not take account of public views in relation to the Council's budget setting process. This option is rejected as it does not adhere to the Council's corporate values, specifically in relation to being a democratic organisation that is committed to listening to people.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

This report is particularly relevant in relation to the Council being democratic organisation that is committed to listening and hearing what people want.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

None relating to this report.

Financial Risks

None relating to this report.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None relating to this report.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

None relating to this report.

Appendices

*Add rows as required to box below

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Background papers:

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Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: David Northey, (Service Director for Finance)											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 21/12/2023											
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Jemima Laing, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Culture, Events and Communications.											
Date approved: 21/12/2023											