CABINET RESPONSE TO BUDGET SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS 2024/25



No.	Recommendation	Proposed Cabinet Response
1.	Recommend that work is undertaken to assess the impact upon all council budgets of dealing with unauthorised encampments (UE).	As a motion on notice was agreed at Council on this subject, Cabinet has accepted this recommendation and will direct officers to begin undertaking this work.
2.	Welcome continuation of current Community Grant Scheme and recommend an increase back to £5,000 per member.	Cabinet is aware of the importance of the Community Grant Scheme for Councillors to support communities in their wards. Unfortunately given the current financial context further increases are not possible, but this will be kept under consideration for future years budgets.
3.	Reprofile the Capital programme to ensure that the programme is affordable for the revenue budget.	This recommendation will be dealt with by the Cabinet when considering the draft budget in February.
4.	Recommend an expansion of the housing programme for Care Leavers.	This recommendation will be dealt with by the Cabinet when considering the draft budget in February.
5.	Recommend that a cross party working group is established to consider contractual arrangements for major projects and the methodology for procurement.	This recommendation will be dealt with by the Cabinet when considering the draft budget in February.