

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

CABINET

8 FEBRUARY 2011

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board Minute 95 of the meeting held on 26 January 2011	BUDGET AND CORPORATE PLAN SCRUTINY 2011
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The Chair and Lead Officer presented for consideration the draft report arising from scrutiny of the Budget and Corporate Plan 2011. Members were advised that positive feedback had been received, both from the Executive and senior management, in regard to the professionalism with which the process had been undertaken and the high degree of challenge which had been demonstrated.

Discussion then turned to the report content and recommendations. Whilst the majority of the Board were happy with the report, the Labour Councillors on the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board were concerned that some of the budget proposals did not fully support the areas of 'raising aspiration' and 'reducing inequalities' within the Corporate Plan. They considered that some of the delivery plans in the budget had the potential to disadvantage both families and vulnerable people in Plymouth. They believed that amendments to two of the recommendations, together with the inclusion of an additional recommendation, would enhance the scrutiny report and, if adopted, may help to alleviate many of the areas of disadvantage within this budget. Councillor Wildy therefore proposed the following amendment with regard to recommendations to the Corporate Management Team –

- R2.2 add 'that this is produced and is available to Members *before* the budget setting at Full Council';
- R2.11 add at end of final sentence 'and links to neighbourhood profiles are demonstrated in Service Delivery Plans';
- R2.14 add new recommendation 'Profiling of households should take place prior to final determination. These profiles should be carried out annually and made available to Members as part of the preparatory work of the budget setting process'.

The proposal, having been seconded by Councillor McDonald, was put to the vote and declared lost. At Councillor Wildy's request the vote was recorded as follows -

For: Councillors McDonald and Wildy

Against: Councillors Ball, Browne, James, Nicholson, Ricketts and Thompson

At the suggestion of the Board, a few minor amendments were then made to the main body of the report as follows –

- P. 12 paragraph 8 – delete the word ‘agreed’;
- P. 15 paragraph 13 – delete the word ‘noted’ and replace with ‘were informed of’;
- R2.10 renumber second 2.10 to 2.11 and then change remainder of numbering to run consecutively.

Agreed the Budget and Corporate Plan Scrutiny Report 2011.