

CABINET

7 February 2012



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

MINUTE 84 OF 1 FEBRUARY 2012

SCRUTINY OF BUDGET PRIORITIES AND CORPORATE PLAN 2012

The Chair and Lead Officer presented for consideration the minutes and draft report arising from scrutiny of the Budget Priorities and Corporate Plan 2012. Members welcomed the detail in the report and agreed that it accurately reflected the discussions which had taken place over the three-day period, subject to a few minor changes to some of the recommendations. Concerns were raised about the level of the detail in the information that was presented as part of the budget scrutiny process and discussion took place on how things could be improved for next year.

Agreed –

- (1) the minutes of the meetings held on 11, 16 and 18 January and the Budget Priorities and Corporate Plan 2012 report, subject to the following changes –
 - R4 to be removed and attached to R55 so that the library related issues are covered by one recommendation – amended R55 to read “Libraries review to include consideration of other engagement work with the community and voluntary sector and to be made available for pre-decision scrutiny;
 - R8 to be deleted;
 - R14 to be amended to read “Cabinet assurance is sought that plans are in place to ensure a smooth and seamless transition for children in care to adult social care”;
 - R16 to be amended to read “Information to be provided into the impact of the adult social care transformation programme on the adult care sector”;
 - R17 – delete the word “sufficient” and replace with “appropriate and effective”;
 - R21 – “changes to health provision to the health workforce” be amended to read “changes to health provision on the health workforce”
 - the inclusion of an additional recommendation after R21 to read “A report is produced detailing the demographic impact of Plymouth’s ageing population”;

- moving R38 to the 'wrap up' session at end of the report and delete the words "in Environmental Services";
- R39 – insert the words "over and above the grant allocation" immediately after "additional resources";
- the inclusion of an additional recommendation after R50 to read "A review is undertaken into the procurement, shared services and location risk assessment arrangements of the data centre";
- R59 to be amended to read "An appropriately funded plan be put in place to mitigate the likely impact on voter numbers of the proposed electoral reforms";
- the inclusion of an additional recommendation after R59 to read "Any decision to use the Life Centre for the count at the local elections is informed by cost and value for money implications";

(2) that a review of the budget scrutiny process is added to the Board's work programme for 2012/13.