

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Subject: Response to Scrutiny Management Board Budget
Recommendations

Committee: Cabinet

Date: 12 February 2012

Cabinet Member: Cllr Evans

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Ref:

Key Decision: No

Part: I

Purpose of the report:

This report sets out the response of the Cabinet to recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board following its consideration of the Council's budget for 2013-14. The recommendations form part of the [Budget and Corporate Plan Scrutiny Report 2013-14](#), which is part of the agenda of this meeting.

Corporate Plan 2012-2015:

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board considered an update to the Corporate Plan 2012-15 as part of its deliberations, and a number of the recommendations relate to its content. The Cabinet response to individual recommendations will be reflected in the revised Corporate Plan to be published later in 2013.

Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: Including finance, human, IT and land

Financial and resource implications relating to the response to individual recommendations will be explored in detail as related proposals are brought forward.

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

Implications with respect to the above areas relating to the response to individual recommendations will be explored in detail as related proposals are brought forward.

Equality and Diversity

An Equality Impact Assessment has not been undertaken as part of the preparation of this report, but assessments may be necessary during implementation of responses to recommendations. If so they will be undertaken and published as part of the decision making process.

Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:

That the responses to the recommendations itemised in this report are agreed.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Cabinet is obliged by the Constitution to take account of recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

Published work / information:

[Budget and Corporate Plan Scrutiny Report 2013-14](#)

Background papers:

None

Sign off:

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Originating SMT Member: Giles Perritt													
Have the Cabinet Members agreed the contents of the report? Yes													

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	Recommendation	To	Response
R1	Ask strategic partners operating in the city to be explicit about their plans to support the city in its priority for economic growth and job creation.	Leader	Support the recommendation, although work is already underway. Growth and Health and Wellbeing Boards currently addressing city priorities with partners. Revised Corporate Plan will summarise progress in July 2013
R2	Bring forward proposals for greater member involvement in capital prioritisation.	Leader	Agreed. Cabinet member for Finance has agreed to a review of capital programme arrangements by April 2013
R3	Consult with the Scrutiny Management Board prior to putting in place revised strategic partnership arrangements for the city.	Chief Executive	Agreed – pre-decision scrutiny by April 2013
R4	Discuss with the Scrutiny Management Board how scrutiny of future years' financial and service planning can be better undertaken to reflect the major challenges facing local government.	Chief Executive	Agreed – Leader, Cabinet and CMT will work with Scrutiny Management Board to review financial and service planning arrangements.

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R5	Publish targets for sickness and absence management by service for the coming year	Chief Executive	Agreed – revised targets will form part of performance monitoring for the new municipal year from May 2013
R6	Ensure that plans to address staff engagement are prepared as part of the service planning process, include targets and timescales, and are available for scrutiny.	Chief Executive	This is a commitment already made to scrutiny, and will form part of service planning arrangements from April 2013
R7	Ensure that appropriate performance measures are in place for each service that support city priorities, and that Directors are held accountable for them.	Chief Executive	Agreed – this process is already underway and will form part of performance management arrangements from May 2013

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R8	Translate the commitment of the Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust to supporting the economic growth agenda in the city to specific partnership plans encompassing issues such as recruitment, supply chain management, apprenticeships and commercialisation of research and development.	Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust	Recommend Management Board ask the Growth Board to consider the best way to take this recommendation forward
R9	Commit to working with partners to ensure appropriate resources are in place to secure the future of the Sexual Assault Referral Centre in Plymouth, and of the city's domestic abuse services.	Devon and Cornwall Police	Cabinet endorse this recommendation to the Police and Crime Commissioner in respect of domestic abuse services, but suggest given previous NHS commitments, that the Sexual Assault Referral Centre Funding issue is raised with the appropriate health agency.
R10	Ensure that appropriate partnership protocols are in place to monitor and manage mental health provision in the city through the coming year.	Plymouth Community Healthcare	Recommend Management Board ask the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider the best way to take this recommendation forward

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R11	Engage with the City Council over estate management in the city.	Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service	Cabinet believes that there are greater priorities for joint work with DSFRS than estate management
R12	Publish figures illustrating the impact of local procurement commitments on spend in the city	Cabinet Member for Finance	Agreed, will be reported from April 2013
R13	Plans for improving capacity in the community and voluntary sector are published, explicitly addressing concerns about leadership and sustainability across the sector	Cabinet Member for Co-operatives and Community Development	Already a commitment covered by the community and voluntary sector review

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R14	The service plan for Public Health’s first year as part of the Council is brought to the Management Board by the Director for Public Health, demonstrating how the transition will enhance city responses to health objectives	Cabinet Member for Public Health and Adult Social Care	Agreed, this work already scheduled as part of Public Health Transition Plan from April 2013
R15	Firm plans are prepared showing how the city will address specific flood risks to the city where households have been flooded, and strategic transport infrastructure into the city has been affected.	Cabinet Member for Environment	Flood plans already in place, further capital investment subject to corporate prioritisation through Capital Programme Board, along with other city priorities
R16	Publish Digital Plymouth plan with milestones and targets for digital inclusion, and demonstrating partner buy-in.	Leader	Work already scheduled for Growth and Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Panel