

BUDGET AND POLICY PROPOSALS UNDER THE MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Joint Select Committee Review - Recommendations



CONTEXT

On the 22 September 2016 a Joint Select Committee review met to consider budget and policy proposals under the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

The committee were presented with a revised MTFS and the outcomes of the “Time for big decisions” consultation process. Following debate members agreed the following recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS (Draft)

Recommend to cabinet -

1. Whilst assured that work is ongoing to provide a balanced budget, it remains that the Committee has significant concerns over the lack of proposals to remedy future gaps in the Councils revenue budget and to deliver transformation stretch targets for the coming three years (2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20).
2. That budget proposals are published for consideration by relevant scrutiny committees so they may be reviewed for their impact on communities and the sustainability of council services.
3. To task officers to develop options to bring student landlords into local taxation and lobby the Government on that basis.

Recommendations for the Scrutiny Work Programme -

4. That a review group is established in November to consider the outcome of the Council Tax Support Scheme consultation and policies for the future of the scheme.
5. That the Modernisation of Waste Service Policy and Proposals are considered at the Place and Corporate Scrutiny Committee on the 5th October.
6. That Place and Corporate Scrutiny Committee keep under review the corporate estate.
7. The review group is provided an opportunity to comment on the efficiency plan before its submission to Government.