

Cabinet 25 January 2017 - 2017-2020 Financial Planning and Budget Process: Cabinet's Draft Budget and Council Tax Requirement proposals

Addendum Report - Response to the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Recommendations

Section 19 of Annex 1 of the 2017-2020 Financial Planning and Budget Process: Cabinet's Draft Budget and Council Tax Requirement proposals report to Cabinet of the 25 January 2017, published on 20 January 2017, noted that Cabinet's responses to the recommendations raised by the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee would follow in an addendum report. This addendum report will be considered by Cabinet at their meeting on the 25 January 2017, prior to their decision on the main report.

Annex 1 of the report noted that the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee raised several recommendations on the proposals in relation to the General Fund Budget, the Cabinet's responses to which are noted in the table below:

Recommendations and Cabinet's Responses

Recommendations	Cabinet's Response
Recommendation 1: 2017-2020 Financial Plan It is recommended that Council are informed and updated when the review of the proposals in relation to the Provisional and Final Local Government Finance settlement have been announced.	Agreed Details of the Provisional and Final Local Government Finance settlements will be included in reports to Cabinet and Council once the information is available. All information will be reported to Council ahead of the approval of the 2017/18 Budget.
Recommendation 2: Engagement The sub-group asks that consideration be made by the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee to carry out a review into the engagement and activities undertaken in the 2016 budget consultation with its associated data analysis.	Agreed. This can be considered for inclusion in the 2017/18 work programme of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee.
Recommendation 3: Ready for School and Ready for Work It is recommended that the facility at Heatherfield mews be considered for use to accommodate any Looked	Noted Consideration will be made of potential revised use of Heatherfield Mews as part of work on CBF Ready for School. Once the outcome is

After Children currently accommodated outside the Borough	known this will be shared with members.
<p>Recommendation 4: Maximising Resources</p> <p>It was recommended that a suitable service be identified to replace the gym facility and maximise the use of the John Willie Sams Centre facility for residents.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Work is underway to look at alternative use of the facility and an alternative service provider.</p>
<p>Recommendation 5: Great Place</p> <p>It recommends that the objectives for the North Tyneside Trading Company be detailed with corresponding income targets for the period of this budget.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>The overarching objectives of the Company are set out in the Annual Strategic Business Plan of the Company which is reported to Cabinet annually in November.</p> <p>Income Targets are included in the current budget proposals.</p>
<p>Recommendation 6: Great Place</p> <p>It was recommended that the Parking Strategy be implemented as soon as practicable.</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>Parking Strategy will be implemented as soon as practicable.</p>
<p>Recommendation 7: Great Place</p> <p>It was recommended that vehicles acquired be of multi purpose and not restricted to single use seasonal only activities (i.e. gritters)</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>It has proven impractical to make all vehicles multi-purpose however where practicable it will be actioned.</p>
<p>Recommendation 8: Great Place</p> <p>It was recommended due to the projected increases in costs to manage refuse collection and the greater need to other services (especially social care) that the approach to how to collect waste be further investigated in 2017.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>The outcome of the latest Overview and Scrutiny Review of Waste by Cabinet included a 10 year Waste Strategy Review.</p>
<p>Recommendation 9: Financial Risks</p> <p>It was recommended that the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee ensures that regular monitoring of the risks continue through its relevant scrutiny committees.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Risks will continue to be monitored by Cabinet Members and Officers, and the appropriate Scrutiny and Audit Committee.</p>