

## **Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee**

### **Revenue Budget and Capital Programme Approval 2020/21**

#### **Background**

1. The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee met on the morning of Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and considered a report of the Executive Director, Resources, on the Revenue Budget 2020-21 and Capital Strategy 2020-2025.

This report is due to be submitted to Cabinet on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

#### **Outcome of Scrutiny**

2. At the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020, Committee Members heard from the Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance and Council Officers. After discussion, the Committee resolved to:-
  - (a) note the contents of the report of the Executive Director, Resources, on the Revenue Budget 2020-21 and Capital Strategy 2020-2025, together with the comments made and the responses provided to the questions raised; and
  - (b) recommends that the report of the Executive Director, Resources on the Revenue Budget 2020-21 and Capital Strategy 2020-2025, be approved by Cabinet without amendment.
3. Comments regarding the above report included the following:-
  - (a) Thanks the Council's front line staff who, it believes, go above and beyond in terms of time, capacity and compassion in delivering services in difficult circumstances;
  - (b) Welcomes the year of stability that this budget represents but notes, with concern, the uncertainty around the new Government's spending review and future funding for Local Authorities;
  - (c) Thanks officers and Cabinet Members for enabling the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to consider the budget reports in advance of Cabinet and for the well written and clear reports; and
  - (d) Thanks the Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Governance, the Cabinet and all officers involved for their hard work in delivering a balanced budget for 2020/21.

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