

**REPORT TO CABINET
19 February 2020**

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 14th 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 19th February 2020.

Outcome of Scrutiny

2. At the meeting on 14th 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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