

BUDGET & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**When: Thursday 4 January 2024 at 19:00
Tuesday 9 January 2024 at 19:00
Tuesday 16 January 2024 at 19:00**

**Where: Room 1.02, Civic, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes,
MK9 3EJ.**

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Members of the Budget & Resources Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Hume (Chair)

Councillors Cannon (Vice-Chair), Wardle (Vice-Chair), Clarke, Geary, M Khan, Lancaster, Long and McBride

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Agenda

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Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair to welcome members of the committee, officers, any external witnesses, and the public to the meeting and introduce committee members, officers and witnesses who are present.

2. Apologies

To receive any apologies.

3. Disclosures of Interest

Councillors to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, other registerable interests, or non-registerable interests (including other pecuniary interests) they may have in the business to be transacted, and officers to declare any interests they may have in any contract to be considered.

4. Minutes

(Pages 7 - 12)

To approve, and the Chair to sign as a correct record, the Minutes of the meeting of the Budget & Resources Scrutiny Committee held on 6 December 2023.

5. Political Overview

The Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Portfolio holder for Resources have been invited to discuss with the Committee the overall budget position and what they see as the major financial issues/decisions the Council will be facing in 2024/25.

6. Local Government Funding Settlement 2024/25

The Committee will receive a presentation from the Senior Finance Team explaining the 2024/25 Local Government Funding Settlement as well as key points from the Autumn Statement and the Government's Financial Policy Statement which could have an impact on the Council's budget and finances for 2024/25.

7. Draft Council Budget 2024/25 and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2024/25 to 2027/28 (Pages 13 - 104)

The attached report sets out the narrative on the draft 2024/25 budget proposals and covers both the immediate proposals for 2024/25 and for the Council’s Medium-Term Financial Plan up to 2027/28.

Additional information about the Council’s finances is set out in a number of annexes which are also included in the agenda pack as follows:

Annex A*	2024/25 Budget Pressures
Annex B*	2024/25 Budget Reductions and Income Proposals
Annex C*	2024/25 One-off Budget Pressures
Annex D*	Fees and Charges: Exemptions to the Income Policy Additional Concessions
Annex E	2024/25 - 2027/28 Forecasting Model
Annex F	2024/25 GF Draft Budget Summary
Annex G	2024/25 Draft Parking Account
Annex H (i-vii)*	Draft Medium Term Capital Programme
Annex I*	Draft Tariff Resource Allocation
Annex J*	GF Reserves Assessment
Annex K*	Earmarked Reserves
Annex L*	2024/25 Draft Budget Risk Register
Annex M	Legal Framework

**A3 documents*

These documents were prepared for a Delegated Decision taken by Councillor Townsend on 19 December 2023 in which the Cabinet noted and endorsed the draft budget proposals set out in the report and supporting annexes, subject to the outcomes of the current public consultation which commenced on 12 December 2023 and will run until 31 January 2024.

Having scrutinised the anticipated pressures on the 2024/25 budget at its October meeting, the Committee will concentrate its scrutiny on the savings/reductions and revenue raising proposals in the 2024/25 draft budget, where appropriate discuss these with the relevant Cabinet Members and Senior Officers of the Council, satisfy itself as to their robustness and make appropriate recommendations to Cabinet.

Any recommendations the Committee may formulate from this item will be included in the January report which will be presented to Cabinet on 6 February 2024.

The Committee may need to consider excluding the public and press in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, should it wish to discuss specific proposals which would identify individual members of staff.

Members of the Committee are reminded that this set of papers covers **all** the January Challenge meetings and that they should bring them with them to each session.