

**COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
11 JANUARY 2024**

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2024/25 – 2027/28

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for 2024/25 to 2027/28.

Summary

2. Attached at **Appendix 1** is the MTFP report which has been approved by Cabinet as a basis for consultation.
3. Members received a briefing on this Plan by the Assistant Director Resources on 13 December 2023.

Recommendations

4. It is recommended that:
 - (a) Members are requested to consider the MTFP 2024/25 to 2027/28 and forward any views, and in particular those in relation to the services and finances which are specifically within the remit of this Scrutiny Committee.
 - (b) That the Chair, in consultation with the Lead Scrutiny Officers supporting this Scrutiny Committee, be given authority to agree the Minutes of this Scrutiny Committee, to enable the Minutes to be considered at a Special Meeting of the Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee scheduled to be held on 18 January 2024.

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Background Papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no specific crime and disorder implications in this report.
Health and Wellbeing	There are no issues relating to health and wellbeing which this report needs to address.
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	There are no specific carbon impact issues in this report.
Diversity	The report does not contain any proposals that impact on diversity issues.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected.
Groups Affected	No specific groups are particularly affected.
Budget and Policy Framework	This decision does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	The report does not require a key decision.
Urgent Decision	The report does not require an urgent decision.
Council Plan	The report contributes to the Council Plan in a number of ways through the involvement of Members in contributing to the delivery of the Plan.
Efficiency	The report contains updated information regarding efficiency savings contained in the MTFP.
Impact of Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

5. Cabinet at its meeting held on 5 December 2023, approved the attached Medium Term Financial Plan as a basis for consultation.
6. Each of the Council's Scrutiny Committees are meeting to discuss and consider the overall contents of the MTFP, however, Members are asked to particularly consider those services and finances within the plan which specifically relate to those areas within their remit and forward any views to a Special Meeting of the Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration.
7. Once all the Scrutiny Committees have met, a further Special Meeting of the Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee will be held on 18 January 2024, to agree a formal response to Cabinet on behalf of all the Scrutiny Committees as part of the consultation. The Chairs of the other Scrutiny Committees will be invited to attend this meeting to present their findings and answer any questions.
8. In view of the timescales involved in responding to the consultation, it is not possible for the individual Scrutiny Committees to formally approve their Minutes prior to the Special Meeting of the Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 18 January 2023, and it is therefore being suggested that authority be given to the Chairs, in consultation with the Lead Scrutiny Officers, to agree the Minutes in advance of the next Ordinary Meetings. The

Minutes will still be an item on the agenda of the next meeting for formal approval as usual.