

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
26 January 2023

Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan

Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To review the progress in implementation of agreed savings for 2022/23 and budget proposals for 2023/24 for the two main service areas within the Committee's remit: Children's Integrated Services and Education.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked:

- a) whether it wishes to make any comments or recommendations regarding implementation of savings agreed for 2022/23;
- b) to agree any comments that it wishes to make in response to consultation on the Council's budget 2023/24 and Medium Term Financial Plan; and
- c) to identify any further scrutiny required, and if so the focus and timescales.

3 Background information

3.1 Implementation of agreed savings for 2022/23

In March 2022, Council approved the Medium Term Financial Plan 2022/23 to 2025/26, incorporating the revenue budget for 2022/23. As part of the consultation process, the Committee had previously reviewed and commented on the proposals relating to Children's Integrated Services. In June, the Committee reviewed progress in implementation of budget savings relating to Children's Integrated Services including the development of children's centres and play and youth services. This meeting is an opportunity for the Committee to review the latest position in implementation of agreed savings for 2022/23 relating to Children's Integrated Services and Education. Papers updating the Committee have been submitted by the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Schools, Corporate Director for People and Directors for Children's Integrated Services and Education respectively and they will be attending the meeting to answer questions.

3.2 Budget proposals for 2023/24

On 20 December 2022, Executive Board noted progress in developing a budget for 2023/24 and a Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for 2024/25 to 2025/26 and endorsed draft public consultation proposals. On 4 January, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee looked at the

overall proposals for the budget and MTFP, and this meeting aims to give members of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee opportunity to focus on aspects relating to services within its remit. Papers updating the Committee on the position have been submitted by the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Schools, Corporate Director for People and Directors for Children's Integrated Services and Education respectively and they will be attending the meeting to answer questions. The Committee may wish to identify a response to consultation on the draft budget proposals. The Committee will also need to identify how it wishes to take forward further scrutiny of agreed savings.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 'Children's Integrated Services: Budget' submitted by the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Schools, Corporate Director for People and Director for Children's Integrated Services
- 4.2 'Education Division Budget Update' paper submitted by the Portfolio Holder for Children, Young People and Schools, Corporate Director for People and Director of Education

5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

- 5.1 None

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

- 6.1 'Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2026/27' report to Executive Board on 20 December 2022
- 6.2 'The Council's Budget Proposals 2023/24' report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4 January 2023
- 6.3 'Implementation of agreed budget savings relating to Children's Integrated Services' report to, and minutes of the meeting of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee held on 9 June 2022.

7 Wards affected

- 7.1 All

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