

4 FEBRUARY 2020

Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2019/20 – 2022/23

Ward(s) All

Portfolios: All - specifically in relation to Resources and Transformation -
Cllr M Bird – Leader of the Council
Cllr A Andrew – Regeneration (Money Home Job)
Cllr G Perry – Community Leisure and Culture (Partnerships)
Cllr B Chatta – Personnel and Business Support

1. Aim

- 1.1 For Scrutiny Overview to consider the draft Capital Programme as reported to Cabinet on 18 December 2019, and for feedback to be taken into account in the finalisation of the budget by Cabinet on 12 February 2020 for recommendation to Council on 27 February 2020.

2. Recommendations:

The Committee are requested to:

- 2.1 **Consider the attached ‘Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2022/23’ report as presented to Cabinet on 18 December 2019.**
- 2.2 **Note that feedback will be considered by Cabinet in advance of the finalisation of the budget report on 12 February 2020 for recommendation to Council on 27 February 2020.**

3. Report detail - Know

- 3.1 The second budget report to Cabinet on 18 December 2019 includes feedback from this Committee on the draft budget plan as reported to Cabinet on 23 October 2019, along with a draft Capital Programme for the period 2019/20 to 2022/23.
- 3.2 Previous budget rounds have involved reporting extracts of the revenue/capital budget proposals to each Scrutiny Committee for individual consultation. The new approach will set the overall financial savings expected to be delivered via the Walsall Proud Programme, rather than specify how those will be delivered. Proud work streams will identify one off revenue and capital investment required to ensure the required savings are delivered. Regular Proud programme updates will be provided to Cabinet and Overview Scrutiny and the S151 Officer

will report throughout the budget process on the robustness of budget estimates to ensure that a legally balanced 2020/21 budget is set in February 2020.

- 3.3 In light of the above, this report refers the Cabinet report on for consideration of the draft capital programme by Scrutiny Overview Committee.
- 3.4 Feedback from this Committee on the content of this report will be reported back to Cabinet on 12 February 2020.

Financial implications:

- 3.5 Cabinet on 18 December 2019 were presented with the draft capital programme for 2019/20 to 2022/23. The full report is attached, and can be accessed by the following link: [Budget report to Cabinet 18.12.19](#)

Reducing inequalities:

- 3.6 Service managers have regard to equalities in delivering services and identifying saving options. Equality impact assessments will be undertaken as required prior to final recommendations being made to Council on the budget, along with any mitigating actions.

4. Decide

- 4.1 Councils are required to set a legal budget for the year. This report refers to the second stage budget report considered by Cabinet on 18 December 2019, and this Committee is asked to consider the recommendations as set out.

5. Respond

- 5.1 The final revenue budget and capital programme will be presented to Cabinet on 12 February 2020, along with any feedback from the final settlement and stakeholder consultation.

6. Review

- 6.1 The final budget report to Cabinet in February 2020 will be recommended to Full Council on 27 February 2020, where the 2020/21 budget and council tax levels will be approved.

Background papers

Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2022/23 as approved by Cabinet on 18 December 2019 (attached).

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