## Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel 28 August 2008

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## Budget Framework 2009/10 – 2011/12

#### Key Principles:

- Policy Led
- Integrate revenue and capital budgets
- 3 year focus
- Combines policy, performance, finance and service planning
- Affordable, Sustainable budget and council tax
- Informed by:
- > Our financial resources,
- Service/Cost pressures
- Where we are in terms of broad council tax and spend per head comparators
- Risks and assumptions in the budget (cost of job evaluation, energy prices, etc)
- Key drivers: national and local
- Budget consultation feedback
- Walsall Council

# **Budget Process – Milestones**

- Briefings to H&SC scrutiny on resource planning framework: 28
  August
- H&SC Scrutiny panel receives stage 1 packs and draft medium term financial plan: 9 October
- Scrutiny panel 1 Dec: service specific proposals/recommendations to Cabinet
- Corporate Panel Decision Conference: 11 & 12 December
- Draft revised settlement : early December
- Scrutiny proposals/recs to Cabinet: 17 December
- Cabinet 14 January: draft detailed corporate revenue and capital budget proposals
- 19<sup>th</sup> January H&SC scrutiny panel considers Cabinets detailed draft corporate revenue and capital budget proposals
- Final Settlement End January
- Cabinet recommendation 4 Feb & Full Council 23 Feb





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Stage 1: The aim of this phase is to provide an overview of performance, service delivery and financial performance of the service over a period of 3 years and to identify future challenges, pressures and objectives. This is intended to inform decisions on resource allocation. The packs will comprise the following:

•Summary of services provided

•Where the service currently is and where it needs to be, including key national and local drivers/challenges – corporate and department/service objectives, key service targets

- •Current and future performance indicators
- •Demographics and trends
- •Assets and purpose/contribution to council priorities
- Investment/disinvestment history
- •Previous year outturn, current year forecast, and trends/variances

A copy of the pack is contained at Appendix 2 for scrutiny's information

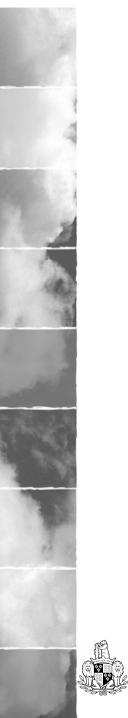


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Stage 2: This phase will require services to provide resource realignment, detailed investments/demand proposals and savings/efficiencies proposals against indicative spending (including savings targets) utilising the stage one packs to inform this.

- the need for change and strategy and financial impact;
- base budget review, costs changes, efficiency review,
- key capital investment areas, alternatives to capital investment

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## **Opportunities for Scrutiny Input**

- Scrutiny panels receive pack and draft medium term financial plan: 9 October and 1 December meetings
- Scrutiny review pack and determine areas where they would like to make recommendations / proposals to cabinet for inclusion in draft budget proposals
- Scrutiny proposals/recommendations received by Cabinet: 17 December
- 19 January scrutiny panel Scrutiny receive and consider Cabinets detailed draft corporate revenue and capital budget proposals

