

**Children and Young People
SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL**

DATE: 20 JANUARY 2010

**Revised Draft Revenue Budget and Draft Capital Programme 2010/11
for Children and Young People Portfolio**

Ward(s) All

Portfolio:

Councillor Walker – Children’s Services

Summary of report

This report presents Cabinet’s revised draft revenue budget and draft capital programme proposals for 2010/11 for consultation with the panel and provides an opportunity for the panel to make further recommendations to Cabinet.

Recommendation

The panel are recommended to consider the draft proposals in this report and make further recommendations to Cabinet as appropriate.

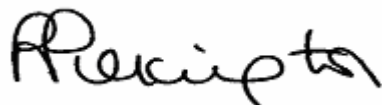
Background papers

Various financial working papers.

Reason for scrutiny

To enable consultation and scrutiny of the draft budget proposals for 2010/11.

Signed



Executive Director – Pauline Pilkington - **Children and Young People**

05 January 2010

Resource and legal considerations

Services were requested to identify efficiency savings and investment for consideration in the setting of the 2010/11 revenue budget and to review their base budgets in line with the corporate guidelines and estimated changes in inflation and pay awards.

1. Draft Revenue Budget 2010/11 – Children and Young People

1.1 Cabinet on 18 November 2009 presented their draft revenue budget proposals for 2010/11 for consultation. These proposals, including savings and investment proposals for the services within the remit of this panel, were reported to the panel meeting on 30 November 2009.

Table 1 below sets out the draft revenue budget 2010/11 for the Children's and Young People Portfolio's :-.

Table 1 – 2010/11 Draft Revenue Budget – Children's and Young People	
	£m
Budget brought forward from previous year	60.851
Inflation	0.864
Other budget refresh	(0.172)
Budget pressures : demographics, cost pressures, fall out of grant	1.950
Full year effect of 2009/10 growth	0.008
Efficiencies, savings and income generation	(1.374)
Full year effect of 2009/10 savings	(0.299)
Draft net revenue budget requirement 2010/11 as reported to Children's Scrutiny and Performance Panel on 4 December 2009	61.828

2. Scrutiny Recommendations to Cabinet

2.1 At its budget scrutiny meeting on 4 December 2009, this panel received the detailed breakdown of investment bids and savings options submitted to Cabinet to enable the panels recommendations to be made for Cabinet to consider as part of the budget process. The panel discussed the options in principle, and made the following recommendations to Cabinet:-.

That:

1. the draft Children's and Young People Portfolio growth, efficiency, new income and service redesign budget proposals for 2010/11 be noted, and;

2. it is highlighted to the Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Panel that an increase in management fees in the catering service may lead to a reduction in use of the service

All recommendations have been reported and noted by Cabinet.

3. Draft Capital Programme 2010/11 – Children and Young People

3.1 Cabinet on 16 December 2009 presented their draft capital programme for 2010/11 for consultation.

Table 2 below sets out the draft capital programme 2010/11 for the Children and Young People portfolio, with the full list of associated schemes listed in **Appendices 1 and 2** :-.

Table 2 – 2010/11 Draft Capital Programme – Children’s and Young People	
Mainstream (Council’s own resources)	£m
Supported Borrowing schemes	2.342
Schemes with Prior Year Approvals	1.650
Total Mainstream resources (Appendix 1)	3.992
Non Mainstream (Externally Funded) – Appendix 2	28.054
Total	32.046

Citizen impact

The budget is aligned with service activity within service plans across the council. Investment is intended to be targeted at service improvement, stability and user influence. The report to the panel on 4 December set out the vision and priorities for the services within the remit of this panel.

Environmental impact

Services within the remit of this panel have a direct influence and impact on the environment.

Performance management

Financial performance is considered alongside service targets. Managers are required to deliver their service targets within budget, wherever possible. The report to the panel on 4 December included reference to performance management and key indicators.

Equality Implications

Services consider equality issues in setting budgets and delivering services. Irrespective of budgetary pressures the council must fulfil it's equal opportunities obligations

Consultation

This is the second of two meetings for scrutiny to consider Cabinets draft budget proposals. Recommendation from the panels first meeting on 4 December 2009 were presented to Cabinet at its meeting on 16 December 2009. This meeting provides the panel with a further opportunity to consider the revised draft revenue budget and first draft capital programme 2010/11 and make recommendations for Cabinet to consider prior to Cabinet proposing the final budget for 2010/11 at it's meeting on 3 February 2010.

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Children's	Schools access initiative	586,620	To fund alterations to enable pupils with disabilities to attend mainstream schools
Sub-total Supported Borrowing		2,342,406	
Prior Year Approvals			
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