

Cabinet – 12 December 2018

Draft Revenue Budget and Capital Programme: Feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committees

Portfolio: Councillor M. Bird – Leader of the Council (Lead Portfolio)

Related Portfolios: All

Service: Finance – council wide

Wards: All

Key decision: No

Forward plan: No

1. Summary

- 1.1 Cabinet on 24 October 2018 received the draft revenue budget and capital programme report and referred this to all overview and scrutiny committees for consultation and feedback, to allow Cabinet to then consider this feedback in setting their final budget in February 2019.
- 1.2 This report provides that Scrutiny feedback, including concerns expressed by two Committees on the SEN short breaks and home to school transport.
- 1.3 The Chancellors Autumn Budget was announced on 29 October 2018 and funding implications arising from this announcement, as far as they are known, are included in this report. The report was originally intended to include detail of the Provisional Core Funding Settlement from Government for 2019/20, but we were advised on 5 December that this has been delayed until after 11 December 2018.

2. Recommendations

Cabinet are requested to:

- 2.1 Note the feedback from overview and scrutiny committees on revenue and capital proposals to date and consider this feedback in preparation for final budget recommendations in February (Appendices 1a-1e).
- 2.2 Note the publication of the Chancellor's Autumn Budget on 29 October and that detailed work is in hand to work through the implications of this in time for the final budget report in February 2019.
- 2.3 Note that on 5 December 2018 we received correspondence to state that the Provisional Grant Settlement has been delayed until after 11 December 2018.

3. Report detail

3.1 Draft Revenue Budget 2018/19 to 2021/22 – Consultation

- 3.1.1 The draft revenue budget and capital programme was reported to Cabinet on 24 October 2018. This was referred for onward stakeholder consultation (where required), and for equality impact assessment.
- 3.1.2 All overview and scrutiny committees received the draft revenue budget and capital programme for consultation in respect of the portfolio of services falling within their remit. Additionally, Scrutiny Overview Committee considered the overall budget and capital programme.
- 3.1.3 Feedback and recommendations from each Committee are appended to this report (Appendix 1a – 1e) and Cabinet are requested to note these and consider the recommendations and any changes Cabinet may wish to make, arising from these, in making their final budget recommendations to Council in February.

3.2 Chancellor's Autumn Budget Statement 29 October 2018

- 3.2.1 The budget is an evolving process, with recognition that proposals may change as the budget develops and the Settlement is published. In advance of the Settlement, due on 6 December, the Autumn Budget was announced on 29 October. A number of announcements were made in relation to Local Government funding, albeit most were one-off.

General announcements

- Government advised that the era of austerity is finally coming to an end, but did not make clear how Local Government sector would benefit.
- The Budget assumes a Brexit deal, so an Emergency Budget is expected if no deal is reached.
- Full spending review to be published next year.
- Spring statement may be upgraded to a fiscal event.
- £20.5bn 5 year deal to NHS.
- National Minimum Wage - will increase from £7.83 to £8.21 in April 2019.

Announcements impacting on Walsall

- A new temporary Business Rate Relief, cutting small business rates relief for all retailers in England with an RV of £51,000 or less by a third Relate to 2019/20 and 2020/21 rate liability only - worth up to £8,000 per year.
 - Awarded to occupied properties with a rateable of less than £51,000 that are wholly or mainly used as shops, restaurants, cafes and drinking establishments.
 - Relief will not be awarded to banks, betting shops, pawnbrokers, estate agents, solicitors or accountants.
 - Relief is not limited to one property per ratepayer, however,
 - State aid rules will apply (even after Brexit).

As with all other recent temporary reliefs, any award will be under the council's discretionary relief powers and no new legislation will be introduced. The authority will receive its money back via the Section 31 grant.

- Additional £1.071m of one-off funding for highways maintenance (potholes and minor works) in 2018/19.
- Publication of a green paper on social care – further information awaited.
- Social Care: Additional one-off funding, further detail of which has now been published:
 - £1.432m of Winter Pressures funding in 2018/19 to be used to support the local health and social care system to manage demand pressures on the NHS, including interventions to support people to be discharged from hospital, with the appropriate social care support.
 - £1.432m of Winter Pressures funding in 2019/20 to be pooled into the iBCF and reported through the Better Care Fund process.
 - £2.446m of adults and children's social care grant. Guidance states "*where necessary, local councils should use this funding to ensure that adult social care pressures do not create additional demand on the NHS. Local councils can also use it to improve their social care offer for older people, people with disabilities and children.*"
 - Grant conditions are currently being reviewed to determine use of this one-off funds.
- Additional £45m grant for disabled facilities grant in 2018/19. Expected allocation of c£329k for Walsall yet to be agreed.
- £400m bonus for schools as an 'in year bonus' 2018/19 – one off capital investment, equivalent to £10k per primary schools and £50k per secondary school, to be paid direct to schools.
- Switch to universal credit – further £1bn over 5 years in addition to funding previously announced to aid transition, to help introduce protection. Universal Credit work allowances increased by £1k per year.
- NHS 10 year plan will include mental health crisis service with a comprehensive mental health service in each A&E department, and children and young peoples' crisis teams, safe havens in the community, more mental health ambulances.
- A minimum extra £2bn a year for mental health services (announced on 28 October).

Other Announcements:

- New mandatory business rates relief for public toilets – to extend to all that are made available for public use.
- Fuel duty to be frozen for the ninth year in a row.
- Infrastructure – expanding national productivity investment fund.
- Abolition of use of PFI for future projects.
- £500m housing infrastructure fund for delivery of 650,000 new homes. .
- Increasing Transformation City Fund.
- £10m for abandoned waste sites.
- Plastics – new tax on manufacture of plastic packaging to help increase recycling.

WMCA new announcements:

- £71.5m addition to the Transforming Cities Fund.
- High streets – £675m funding for 'future high streets fund', to which local areas may bid for up to £25m, to support councils to draw up plans for transformation of high streets, and for redevelopment into residential.
- £10m for tackling fly-tipping over two years 19/20 - 20/21

- £20m to support more local authorities in meeting air quality obligations
- £13m for flood prevention, which will include an allocation to the West Midlands
- Additional £500m allocation to the HIF

4. Council Corporate Plan priorities

- 4.1 Resource allocation is an annual cycle aiming to support delivery of council priorities within available resources. It aims to achieve this through the delivery of efficiencies, income reviews and service reviews and redesign to redirect existing and reducing resources to areas of high council priority.
- 4.2 In order to meet the council's purpose and vision, the council will be focussing its' energy over the next four years on the following key priorities, recognising that it must do so with decreased and decreasing resources and concentrating efforts on those most in need:
- Economic growth for all people, communities and businesses.
 - People have increased independence, improved health and can positively contribute to their communities.
 - Internal Focus – all council services are efficient and effective.
 - Children have the best possible start and are safe from harm, happy, healthy and learning well.
 - Communities are prospering and resilient with all housing needs met in safe and healthy places that build a strong sense of belonging and cohesion.

5. Risk management

- 5.1 There is a still uncertainty around Government funding for 2019/20 and beyond, despite the take up of the Government's multi-year settlement to 2019/20. The full details of the Governments Provisional Settlement will be assessed when received after 11 December 2018, and the final Settlement in the new year, and any implications on the budget and medium term financial outlook will be reported as they become clear.
- 5.2 There is a risk that funding will reduce more than anticipated or that further pressures will emerge, which will require the council to make changes prior to setting the budget in February 2019.
- 5.3 The budget is risk assessed and this is used to formulate the recommended level of contingencies and reserves. The outcome of this will be reported to Cabinet and Council in the final budget report.

6. Financial implications

- 6.1 The Council must set a balanced budget to meet its legal requirements. A four year plan provides for sounder financial planning and management of financial risk.

7. Legal implications

- 7.1 Under the Local Government Act, an authority must set a council tax and balanced budget, giving 14 days' notice of the council tax level prior to the date of billing. The

council must set a budget before 11 March of each year. This will include the S151 Officer's report that deals with the robustness of the budget and the adequacy of the reserves for which the budget provides, together with an assessment of risk. At this point in time, prior to receipt of the government settlement, consultation feedback and equality impact assessment outcomes, the 2019/20 budget is balanced, with the outcome of the council 'stocktake' being used to refresh the transformation programme to deliver efficiencies for 2020/21 and 2021/22.

7.2 The collection fund and council tax base are governed by Statutory Instrument 2012 No.2914 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012. The council is legally obliged to set the council tax base and notify the precepting authorities by 31 January each year.

8. Property implications

8.1 Any direct property implications as a result of service redesign and revenue savings proposals are addressed as part of the service delivery plans.

9. Health and Wellbeing implications

9.1 The draft budget is prepared with consideration of health and wellbeing implications and Marmot principles. Individual policy changes consider health and wellbeing implications which were set out, as applicable, within individual policy papers appended to the budget report to Cabinet on 24 October 2018.

10. Staffing implications

10.1 There will be staffing implications arising from this report and consultation with employees and unions will be undertaken in accordance with legislative requirements and the council's required procedures.

10.2 Staff affected will be supported as appropriate throughout the process and the number of compulsory redundancies will be minimised wherever possible.

11. Equality implications

11.1 An equality impact assessment is undertaken on proposals as they develop. Implications along with any required action are reported as assessments are finalised. This will give Cabinet appropriate time and opportunity to then consider any revisions required to the budget as it progresses and is finalised for inclusion in the final budget report to Cabinet on 13 February 2019.

12. Consultation

12.1 Section 138 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 places a general duty on every local authority in England to take such steps as it considers appropriate to secure that representatives of local persons (or of local persons of a particular description) are involved in the exercise of any of its functions, among other things by being consulted about the exercise of the function. The 2010 Equality Act, whilst not imposing a specific duty to consult, lays a requirement to have due regard to the equality impact when exercising its function.

- 12.2 Consultation is an integral part of the budget process and arrangements are in hand to consult with a wide range of stakeholders (i.e. councillors, council tax payers, service users, and potential service users as appropriate, business rate payers, voluntary and community organisations, etc.). A range of qualitative and quantitative research methods will be used to gather feedback and understand the impact savings proposals may have on individuals and communities.
- 12.3 A number of the saving proposals were consulted upon as part of the 2018/19 budget, or have in year been reported to Cabinet, and decisions taken on their inclusion or otherwise. Consultation will be undertaken on new 2019/20 proposals as they develop and findings presented to Cabinet. Findings along with equality impact assessments will be reported to Cabinet for their consideration and to inform Cabinet's final budget recommendations to Council in February 2019.

Background papers:

Various financial working papers.

Draft Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2018/19 – 2021/22

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Appendices: -

- 1 Feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committees -
 - 1a Children's Services – 8 November
 - 1b Education – 20 November
 - 1c Economy and Environment – 22 November
 - 1d Scrutiny Overview – 26 November
 - 1e Social Care and Health – 27 November

Draft Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2018/19 – 2021/22 -

Recommendations of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee following Budget Consultation

Summary of report

This report presents the comments and recommendations from the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee following consideration of the draft revenue budget and capital programme for consultation for 2018/19 to 2021/22 at the Committee's meeting on 8 November 2018. This will enable consideration by Cabinet on 12 December 2018.

All overview and scrutiny committees have received the draft revenue budget options and capital programme for consultation in respect of the portfolio of services falling within their remit.

Any changes to these options, following consultation, will be reported to a future meeting of the Committee, providing an opportunity to make further recommendations to Cabinet. Cabinet are requested to consider the feedback contained within this report in formulating their draft budget proposals.

Response to the draft budget options

The Committee heard representations from the FACE (Families and Carers Empowered) group, who attended to speak on the budget proposal 'Review of residential short break provision for children and young people with a disability'. The Committee heard that residential short breaks were an essential service for the stability of families with disabled children. Concern was expressed by the FACE group that the demand for the service had not been accurately captured and that families were not aware of the provision.

Officers explained that the demand for the residential short breaks service had reduced since it was opened. This proposal responded to the reduced demand for the service. The Committee were also informed that alternative respite provision was available and may have contributed to reduced demand for the service. The Portfolio Holder agreed that further consultation would take place with service users through the FACE group.

The Committee were informed that a Children's services policy saving proposal had been produced relating to a 'Review of contracts for perpetrator and counselling services.' (Appendix 3a). The Committee agreed to consider this its next Committee meeting on 11th December 2018.

The Panel Resolved:

1. That the draft revenue budget and efficiency plan 2018/19 – 2020/21 be noted.
2. The Committee held concerns about the reductions to the Children's Services budget. However, the Committee were encouraged by the openness of the Portfolio Holder to continue to engage with the FACE group to consult further on the proposals relating to the SEN short breaks.
3. The policy paper 'Review of contracts for perpetrator and counselling services' be considered at the next Children's Services Scrutiny Committee meeting on 11th December 2018.

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Recommendations of the Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee following Budget Consultation

Summary of report

This report presents the comments and recommendations from the Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee following its consideration of the draft revenue budget and capital programme for consultation for 2018/19 to 2021/22 at the meeting of the Committee held on 20 November 2018. This will enable consideration by the Cabinet on 12 December 2018.

All overview and scrutiny committees received the draft revenue budget options and capital programme for consultation in respect of the portfolio of services falling within their remit.

Any changes to these options, following consultation, will be reported to a future meeting of the Committee, providing an opportunity to make further recommendations to Cabinet. Cabinet are requested to consider the feedback contained within this report in formulating their draft budget proposals.

Response to the draft budget options

Policy proposals 2019/20 for consultation: Review of home to school transport for service users - post-16 years of age

This proposal has two options, which are as set out in Appendix 4 to the draft revenue budget and capital programme, and the Committee was advised that the period for consultation on the proposal would be concluded on 21 December 2018 with the feedback received then being presented to the Cabinet for consideration.

The Committee received a presentation from representatives of the local parent-carer forum, FACE Walsall, who set out their concerns regarding the proposal. In brief, these included:

- The proposal's impact not just on the 97 young people who could be affected should this service be unavailable, but on their parents, siblings and other family members.
- The inability of many of the young people to use public transport due to wheelchair access and/or behavioural problems, and the possible safeguarding issues that could arise.
- The impact on the health, including mental health and behavioural issues, of the young people affected and their parents and other family members through the additional stress that could be incurred should these young people have to stay at home.
- The financial impact of the proposal on families, where in the absence of this service parents might have to give up work to take the young people to and from school/college.
- That parents taking the young people to and from school/college themselves could be further financially penalised, as the mileage allowance of £0.45 per mile is paid in one

direction only. Moreover, this does not account for carer costs and the possible impact on welfare benefits that could be reduced as a consequence of payment of the allowance.

- The possibility that if parents were unable to access this service and decided therefore not to send the young people to school/college, that they could be subject to a fine.

During this presentation and the ensuing discussion there was reference to the legal implications in relation to the Council's duties/responsibilities to promote the participation of young people in education and training. FACE Walsall contended that the policy proposal would effectively discriminate against these young people by denying them the opportunity to do this, with the policy being in their view contrary to some of the provisions of the SEND Code of Practice 2015, the Education and Skills Act 2008, and the Equality Act 2010.

The Committee noted the concerns of FACE Walsall and also requested that a legal opinion be obtained from the Council's Legal Services team and then made available to the Committee Members at the earliest opportunity.

The Committee noted the proposed timetable, with the final draft budget being considered by the Cabinet on 13 February 2019 prior to it be recommended to the meeting of the Council on 28 February 2019. In view of the consultation period on the policy proposal and the request for a legal opinion, the Committee also requested that they receive the revised draft revenue budget and capital programme prior to the February meeting of Cabinet. This would necessitate it being presented at the Committee's meeting on 10 January 2019.

The Committee resolved:

1. The Committee considered the draft revenue budget and capital programme relating to the remit of the Committee.
2. The Committee noted the policy proposal in relation to the review of home to school transport for service users – post-16 years of age.
3. The Committee request that the Cabinet note the concerns that have been raised by the FACE Walsall Group.
4. The Committee noted that consultation would be undertaken on all new 2019/20 policy savings and that feedback would be presented to the Cabinet on 12 December 2018 and looked forward to seeing the decision arrived at by the Cabinet.

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Appendix 1c

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Recommendations of the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee following Budget Consultation

Summary of report

This report presents the comments and recommendations from the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee following consideration of the draft revenue budget and capital programme for consultation for 2018/19 to 2021/22 at the committee's meeting on 22 November 2018. This will enable consideration by Cabinet on 12 December 2018.

All overview and scrutiny committees have received the draft revenue budget options and capital programme for consultation in respect of the portfolio of services falling within their remit.

Any changes to these options, following consultation, will be reported to a future meeting of the Committee, providing an opportunity to make further recommendations to Cabinet. Cabinet are requested to consider the feedback contained within this report in formulating their draft budget proposals.

Response to the draft budget options

Regeneration

Walsall Proud Programme

A Member sought clarification on savings highlighted with the implementation of the Walsall Proud Programme and whether jobs would be affected. The Portfolio Holder confirmed that the programme implementation was ongoing and an update would be presented at the next meeting of the Committee.

Clean and Green

Street Cleansing

The Committee was informed that the Cabinet would be undertaking a review into District Centres which would take into account changes in street cleansing provision.

Healthy Lifestyle Services

In response to a question by the Chair on the reduced scope of healthy lifestyle services. The Head of Clean and Green confirmed that the restructure of services would promote harmonisation between Clean and Green and Public Health to promote the maximisation of green space provision whilst reducing duplication of services.

Domestic Waste Pressures

A Member sought clarification on whether there had been a significant impact on Council waste services due to China's reduction in imported plastic waste. The Committee were informed that a response would be provided in writing.

Community, Leisure and Culture

Active Living Centres

A Member sought clarification on when additional parking provision would be implemented at Oak Park Active Living Centre. The Head of Leisure, Culture and Operations confirmed that, subject to the final part of the funding package being confirmed, work would commence in spring 2019 and be complete by March. This would then help to ease pressure at the centre and improve customer satisfaction with parking. The Portfolio Holder highlighted that Oak Park had successfully maximised the use of artificial pitches at the centre and that both parks continued to remain popular attractions with the community.

A Member sought clarification on whether pricing had impacted on membership at the Active Living Centres. The Portfolio Holder highlighted that carrying out an impact study would be premature however, the Centres had recently made progress on implementing online membership options whilst remaining competitive with other leisure providers. He highlighted that challenges remained in encouraging better and increased use of Darlaston and Walsall Gala Active Living Centres due to their age and design.

Library Services

The Committee was informed that there was review into procuring the out-of-hours access control system for the five District Libraries and Streetly Community Library. Whilst the Council had already seen a reduction in the number of library sites and staff since the redesign in 2017 it was committed to maintaining opening hours within the service.

The Committee Resolved:

That,

- 1. The Committee draft revenue budget and capital programme 2018/19 to 2021/22 be noted;**

2. The consultation on all new 2019/20 policy savings shown in appendix 3a be noted.

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Appendix 1d

Draft Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2018/19 – 2021/22 -

Recommendations of the Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee following Budget Consultation

Summary of report

This report presents the comments and recommendations from the Social Care and Health overview and scrutiny committee following consideration of the draft revenue budget and capital programme for consultation for 2018/19 to 2021/22 at the committee's meeting on 27 November 2018. The committee received a further presentation, at its meeting on 27 November 2018: on the impact of the reduction in the budget for addiction services. This will enable consideration by Cabinet on 12 December 2018.

All overview and scrutiny committees have received the draft revenue budget options and capital programme for consultation in respect of the portfolio of services falling within their remit.

Any changes to these options, following consultation, will be reported to a future meeting of the Committee, providing an opportunity to make further recommendations to Cabinet. Cabinet are requested to consider the feedback contained within this report in formulating their draft budget proposals.

Response to the draft budget options

The Committee considered the proposals as set out in the report. The committee raised a general query to ask if when determining budget savings, a cost analysis was carried out on proposals to identify any potential pressures that might be created in other areas of the health and social care system, to ensure that decision makers were fully informed of the true system wide costs attached to proposals.

In addition to the Draft Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2018/19 – 2021/22 the Committee considered a presentation on the drugs and alcohol programme. Members were concerned about the proposed reductions of £350,000 in the programme. In addition to this £147,000 of funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) was going to be lost from the community protection in 2020/21. The Committee were concerned that

funding reductions in similar areas across partners would have a detrimental demand on services that could see a rise in drug and alcohol related deaths. The Committee asked the Chair to write to the PCC to seek the continuation of the £147,000 community safety grant.

A theme of the discussion was the knock on effects of budget reductions in partners within health and social care economy with budget savings in one organisation creating demand for different services in another. The Committee asked the Chair to write to the Chancellor to set out their concerns.

The Committee Resolved:

- 1. That the Draft Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2018/19 – 2021/22 was noted.**
- 2. That the Chair writes to the Police and Crime Commissioner to seek the continuation of the Community Safety Grant.**
- 3. That the Chair of the Committee writes to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to express concern at the reductions to the Local Authority budget, and to the budgets of Local Authority partners, which were having a direct impact on the Councils ability to deliver services.**

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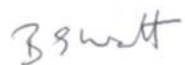
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Recommendations of the Scrutiny Overview Committee following Budget Consultation

Summary of report

This report presents the comments and recommendations from the Scrutiny Overview Committee following consideration of the draft revenue budget and capital programme for consultation for 2018/19 to 2021/22 at the committee's meeting on 27 November 2018. This will enable consideration by Cabinet on 12 December 2018.

All overview and scrutiny committees have received the draft revenue budget options and capital programme for consultation in respect of the portfolio of services falling within their remit.

Any changes to these options, following consultation, will be reported to a future meeting of the Committee, providing an opportunity to make further recommendations to Cabinet. Cabinet are requested to consider the feedback contained within this report in formulating their draft budget proposals.

Response to the draft budget options

The Committee discussed the draft budget in two parts. Firstly, Members considered the draft budget in relation to Resources and Transformation and secondly, the Council wide proposals. The following is summary of the ensuing discussion for Cabinet's information.

Resources and Transformation

Walsall Proud Programme

Members requested further information on how the significant savings noted against the programme would be met. The Deputy Leader explained that it was important that all Members were engaged in this programme.

Council House smoke and heat detection and fire alarm Council Chamber and Committee Room Audio Visual System, seating refurbishment and Council House reception

Members noted the significant investment in the Council House. A Member felt that the refurbishment of the Council Chamber was worthwhile, particularly if it was to include improving the seating for visitors in the public gallery. A Member also expressed support for webcasting of Council meetings. Members requested further information to their meeting on 5 February 2019 on the proposed investment in the Council Chamber.

Council-wide

General

Members requested that in future reports where savings are proposed, it would be useful to also set out the starting budget so that it was possible to understand the extent of the proposal.

Clean and Green – fly tipping

Members noted the trials currently taking place to reduce the level of fly tipping in the borough. Questions were asked to understand why a budget was not set aside to implement one of the trials should they prove to be successful. It was explained that the trials continued into the next financial year and if, any one did prove successful, it was planned to pay for the new service through savings made from clearing fly tipping.

Review of residential short break provision for children and young people with a disability

The Chair of the Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee reported on the discussion that took place on this proposed saving and the representations that had been received from the FACE Group.

Review of home to school transport for service users post 16 years of age

The Chair of the Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee reported on the discussion that took place on this proposed saving and the representations that had been received from the FACE Group.

Town Centre Masterplan Project

A Member queried what such a significant investment was going to be used for? Members were informed that the money was for external expertise to assist in developing the masterplan for Walsall Town Centre. The Deputy Leader explained that it was important that all Members were engaged in this important project.

The Panel Resolved:

That:

- 1. the draft revenue budget and capital programme 2019/20 – 2021/22 be noted;**
- 2. further information be presented to the committee at its meeting on 5 February 2019:**
 - a. Walsall Proud Programme;**
 - b. Council Chamber and Committee Room Audio Visual System, seating refurbishment and Council House reception.**

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