

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Executive
Date: 17 February 2021
Report for: Decision
Report of: Executive Member for Finance and Governance and the Director of Finance and Systems

Report Title

Executive's Response to Scrutiny Committee's Recommendations to the Budget Proposals for 2021/22

Summary

At the Executive meeting on the 25 January 2021 a report was presented by the Scrutiny Committee chair, setting out the Scrutiny Committee's comments and findings from the review of the Executive's draft budget proposals for 2021/22.

The Executive values the contribution that the Scrutiny Committee makes to the budget process and is committed to working with Scrutiny Committee during the forthcoming year as part of their planned work programme.

This report contains a detailed response to each of the points raised by the Scrutiny Committee in their report.

Recommendation(s)

That the Executive's response to the Scrutiny Committee be approved.

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

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Background Papers: None

Relationship to Policy Framework/Corporate Priorities	The Scrutiny review of the budget is a requirement of the budget policy framework. It is relevant to all corporate priorities.
Relationship to GM Policy or Strategy Framework	Not Applicable
Financial	All financial implications are contained in the body of the report.
Legal Implications:	The Scrutiny review of the budget is a requirement of the Council's constitution.
Equality/Diversity Implications	There are none arising from this report.
Sustainability Implications	There are none arising from this report.

Carbon Reduction	There are none arising from this report.
Resource Implications e.g. Staffing / ICT / Assets	There are none arising from this report.
Risk Management Implications	There are none arising from this report.
Health and Wellbeing Implications	There are none arising from this report.
Health and Safety Implications	There are none arising from this report.

Other Options

Not Applicable

Consultation

Not applicable

Reasons for Recommendation

The report is in response to the review carried out by the Scrutiny Committee.

Key Decision

This is a key decision currently on the Forward Plan: No

Finance Officer Clearance GB.....

Legal Officer Clearance ...JLF.....

CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE



BUDGET SCRUTINY ACTION PLAN

Area	Scrutiny Recommendation	Executive Response
2020/21 Budget	That the Executive provide Scrutiny with an update on the in-year budget deficit and details of any contingency plans in place to address any shortfall in savings at its March 2021 meeting.	The Executive note this request and confirm that an update will be provided as requested for the March meeting. In addition Executive will provide any further updates throughout the year to support the work of the Committee.
Council Reserves	That the Executive provide Scrutiny with regular updates on the use of Budget Support Reserve at its meetings during 2021/22.	The Executive note this request and confirm that regular updates on the reserves position will be made available to keep the Committee informed of how the Council's reserves are being used and their projected balances.
Wider Review of Scrutiny	That a review of the Budget Scrutiny process be conducted during the wider review of scrutiny for 2021/22 and the outcome outlined in the annual scrutiny report to Full Council.	The Executive note this request and will develop proposals for 2021/22.
Children's Services	Following the service review of external placements for children and young people, the Executive report to Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee of performance against targets to monitor the reduction of such placements.	<p>The Executive note this request.</p> <p>Tracking and monitoring of all external placements is in place and performance reporting, through a scorecard, including placements feeds into the Corporate Parenting Board.</p> <p>This will also be provided to Scrutiny.</p>
Children's Services	That the Executive continue to strengthen training and support services for foster carers to reduce the number of placement breakdowns in 2021/22	A detailed service plan for the fostering service is in place. It includes the enhancement of support to foster carers.
Children's Commissioned Services	That a review into the effectiveness of surge planning for Healthy Young Minds (former CAMHS) services be conducted and reported to the Children and	The Executive note this request. Actions have been implemented including reporting through the Commissioning Groups and assurance in respect of all

	Young People's Scrutiny Committee using service waiting times as measure of effectiveness	aspects of service delivery. A review of this commissioned service will be arranged.
Economic Regeneration	That Scrutiny be provided with the plans to stimulate the Trafford economy at its first meeting in 2021/22 and Scrutiny would welcome the opportunity to be involved in the planning and delivery of the Council Recovery Plan	The Executive welcome the request from Scrutiny. The Executive Member and officers presented an update on the economic recovery plan to Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on the 2 nd February 2021. Scrutiny Committee will note that an update on the overall Recovery Strategy and the detailed economic plan will be presented to the Executive on the 22 nd February 2021, and will provide further updates to Scrutiny on this important area of work in the coming year.
Children's Services	That Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee receive a report on how the Voice of the Child and families' feedback is used to shape services	The Executive note this request and a report will be prepared and presented to Children's and Young People's Scrutiny including how the voice of the child and families feedback influences service design and delivery.
Children's Services	That Scrutiny receive regular updates on performance against targets to monitor the activity of the new model for residential care	The Executive note and agree to provide regular updates. The revised model of residential care (No Wrong Door) is currently being re-set and reporting cycles will need to be aligned to the ongoing work.