

REPORT TO:	Communities and Housing Scrutiny Committee
DATE:	17th January 2022
REPORT OF:	Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport Cabinet Members for Inclusive Neighbourhoods
REPORT TITLE:	Responding to our Medium-Term Financial Plan

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

- 1.1 The Cabinet has previously set out its approach to responding to the opportunities, challenges and uncertainty outlined within the review of the medium-term financial plan at its meeting on 21st September 2021. This was shared for further discussion and comment with scrutiny committees in October 2021.
- 1.2 Following these discussions further development of proposals have been undertaken and these are now being shared again with Scrutiny for comment and consideration.

2. CHANGE PROPOSALS

- 2.1 Outline draft business cases were presented to Scrutiny for feedback and comment in October 2021. These were presented as four programmes of work:
- Demand Management
 - Value for Money Procurement and Commissioning
 - Robust Corporate Governance
 - Radically Digital
- 2.2 Further development of the proposals has been undertaken and the updated business cases are appended to this report. This includes feedback from stakeholders (where appropriate) and equalities analysis.
- 2.3 Alongside specific discussions held since the proposals were presented in September a wider engagement exercise is underway to raise awareness of the Council's budget and to capture feedback and insight from residents about the approach to change outlined across the four business cases. This was launched on the 4th January and comprises of an online survey which has been shared on public digital platforms as well as more widely through key communication channels and groups.
- 2.4 As previously noted, the four programmes are cross-cutting and may relate to more than one portfolio. In line with feedback from committees about ensuring proposals relevant to the committee are easily identified a list of the proposals relevant to this committee's areas of responsibility is included below to support scrutiny consideration. Business cases appended have also been tailored, where possible, to remove those proposals not directly related to this committee. A full list of proposals aligned to scrutiny committees is outlined in appendix.1 for completeness.

Business Case	Proposal	More information
Value for money procurement and commissioning	1. Life Leisure	Appendix 2
	2. TLC public realm	
	3. Cemeteries and crematoriums	
Robust Corporate Governance	1. Vacancy management/ reduction/ change in the way we deliver services	Appendix 3
	4. Highways discretionary budget	
	5. Review of parking permit charging	
	6. Increased income through inflationary increases in fees and charges and further income generation.	
Radically Digital	1. Automation and self-service/ digital first approach to accessing services and for service provision	Appendix 4

3. NEXT STEPS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Cabinet invite feedback from Scrutiny on the proposals within the four business cases alongside feedback from consultation and equalities analysis.

3.2 Final business cases will be presented to Cabinet as part of the Budget papers for consideration on the 1st February 2022.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none.

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