

**REPORT TO: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**DATE: 22 NOVEMBER 2023**  
**REPORT OF: CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES & EDUCATION**  
**REPORT TITLE: RESPONDING TO OUR MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN**

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## **1 INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE**

- 1.1 Following October scrutiny committees we are sharing more detail on our budget change proposals, taking into consideration the feedback received to date.
- 1.2 The appendix to this report outlines the change proposals being considered by the Cabinet to address financial and demand challenges, enable longer term transformation, and ensure the delivery of shared strategic partnership ambitions.

## **2 CHANGE PROPOSALS**

- 2.1 This should be read in conjunction with the MTFP update reports, (Part A and B) which outline the challenging financial circumstances, requiring careful and bold decisions to ensure we can deliver a resilient budget.
- 2.2 Further work to develop these proposals is underway and will continue to be informed by feedback from partners, scrutiny, residents, trade unions and colleagues as appropriate.

## **3 NEXT STEPS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The Cabinet are keen to seek views from Scrutiny on these plans.
- 3.2 We will commence a whole budget consultation on the 15 November 2023, running until the 13 December 2023 to seek feedback on all our proposals.
- 3.3 All feedback will be considered by Cabinet and updates brought back to Committee's in January 2024, ahead of Cabinet decision making in February.
- 3.4 The Committee is invited to comment on the report and the proposals presented within the report relevant to the remit of this committee.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

MTFP update – Cabinet Meeting, 19 September 2023  
Part.A - MTFP Review  
Part.B - Cabinet Response

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