Adult Social Care and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda Item

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Scrutiny of Directorate Budget Strategies

Date of Meeting: 07 January 2010

Report of: Director of Strategy & Governance

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The 21 December meeting of ASCHOSC is a special meeting arranged to allow the committee to scrutinise the directorate budget strategies relevant to Adult Social Care and Housing and in particular:
 - Housing Strategy and Learning Disabilities
 - Adult Social Care and S75 Portfolio
 - Housing Revenue Account

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That the committee comments upon the draft budget strategies as appended to this report.
- 2.2 That the committee forwards its comments to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission (OSC) meeting of the 26th January to be incorporated into a single scrutiny response to the budget.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 As agreed at the OSC meeting of the 8 September 2009, each Overview & Scrutiny committee is being presented with the opportunity to scrutinise the budget proposals as they relate to their area of responsibility and to forward comments to the OSC on the 26th January.

- 3.2 The OSC will produce a single scrutiny response to the draft budget strategies which will be considered at Cabinet alongside a number of other budget related items on the 11th February.
- 3.3 The full timetable for the budget setting process is set out in the table below.

Item	Meeting	Date
Budget Strategy	Cabinet	9/12
Scrutiny of culture and enterprise elements of the budget strategy	CTEOSC	14/12
OSC to consider the central services, equalities and sustainability elements of the budget strategy	OSC	15/12
Scrutiny of E&CS elements of the budget strategy	ECSOSC	18/12
Scrutiny to consider ASC&H elements of the budget strategy	ASCHOSC	21/12
Scrutiny to consider C&YPT elements of the budget strategy	CYPOSC	5/01
Council tax base	Cabinet	14/01
Summary scrutiny meeting taking comments from all committees and agreeing a scrutiny response to the budget. This will be tabled at Cabinet on the 11 th February.	OSC	26/01
Housing Revenue Account	HMCC	8/02
General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax	Cabinet	11/02
Housing Revenue Account	Cabinet	11/02
Capital Reserves and Capital Investment	Cabinet	11/02
Budget Council	Council	25/02

3.4 **Appendix 1** contains relevant extracts from the report to be tabled at the 9 December Cabinet meeting. Members should note that this report has been drafted prior to the 9 December meeting and as such some of the information may change. If there are any changes resulting from the Cabinet meeting these will be reported to ASCHOSC.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken in regard to this report.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report, however members should take account of the financial implications in the appended report.

Legal Implications:

5.2 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report, however members should take account of the legal implications in the appended report.

Equalities Implications:

5.3 There are no equality implications arising directly from this report, however members should take account of the equality implications in the appended report.

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 There are no sustainability implications arising directly from this report, however members should take account of the sustainability implications in the appended report.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 There are no crime and disorder implications arising directly from this report, however members should take account of the crime and disorder implications in the appended report.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 There are no risk and opportunity management implications arising directly from this report, however members should take account of the risk and opportunity management implications in the appended report.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 There are no corporate/citywide implications arising directly from this report, however members should take account of the corporate/citywide implications in the appended report.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendix:

1. Extracts from the 9 December Cabinet Paper – Budget Update and Directorate Budget Strategies

Documents in Members' Rooms:

There are none.

Background Documents:

There are none.