

Comments on the budget from the Policy Overview Committees

Policy Overview Committees are an integral part of the consultation on the Cabinet's budget proposals each year. This opportunity enables Councillors, who are not in the Cabinet, to provide input or comment on aspects of the budget for the ensuing year.

The Corporate Services & Partnerships Policy Overview Committee met on 2 February 2017 to consider and coordinate all Policy Overview Committee comments and recommended them to Cabinet as set out below:

	Budget remit	Comments
Corporate Services & Partnerships - 5 January 2017	<i>Administration and Finance Directorates and Residents Services (Asset Management). Consideration of Voluntary Sector Grants.</i>	The Committee noted the budget proposals and support that the proposals were sent to Cabinet.
Children, Young People and Learning – 13 January 2017	<i>Residents Services (Education Policy & Standards) & Social Care</i>	It was moved and seconded that the Committee's support of the budget proposals be noted and recommended to Cabinet. Having been put to a vote, this was agreed.
Residents' & Environmental Services – 24 January 2017	<i>Residents Services (various service areas)</i>	The Committee noted the budget proposals and the continuing budgetary pressures for the Council, but expressed their appreciation at the work which had been carried out by officers, which was not impacting on services to residents. In addition, thanks were given to the work carried out by officers and Cabinet Members in producing the budget.
Social Services, Housing & Public Health – 18 January 2017	<i>Social Care and Residents Services (Housing / Public Health)</i>	The Committee noted the budget proposals and the continuing budgetary pressures, particularly in social care. Officers were thanked for their work in social care, the financial pressures, and for providing first class services to residents. The Committee welcomed the continuing success of the Right to Buy Scheme and the use of the proceeds to support the construction or purchasing of 335 new properties. The Committee also welcomed the merging of Adult and Children's Social Care Teams which would improve efficiencies.

Background Papers

Minutes of individual Policy Overview Committees
