

COMMENTS FROM THE POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEES ON THE CABINET'S BUDGET PROPOSALS

A meeting of the Corporate Services and Partnerships Policy Overview Committee on 6th February 2012 considered the comments made by all the Policy Overview Committees on the budget and agreed to submit them to Cabinet for consideration:

Residents' & Environmental Services POC – 17 January 2012

In noting the 2012/13 budget proposals for Planning, Environment and Community related services, Members of the Committee congratulated the Directorate for achieving the £4.3m budget savings that had been seen without adverse effects to Hillingdon residents. It noted in particular, that so many fees and charges had been held at constant prices and most prices preserved were below inflation, and that the Capital Programme had remained constant.

The Committee noted the budget projections contained in the report, and on the combined budget proposals put forward by the Directorate, within the context of the corporate budgetary position.

There were no specific comments.

Corporate Services & Partnerships POC – 18 January 2012

Members praised officers for the work which had been carried out in the preparation of the budget and the work which had been carried out in relation to efficiency savings, which had had a minimal impact on front line services.

The budget projections and the combined budget proposals put forward by the Central Services Directorate were noted and officers were congratulated for the work they had carried out in preparation of the budget.

There were no specific comments.

Education & Children's Services POC – 19 January 2012

The Committee welcomed the budget proposals and noted with pleasure the overall stability of available expenditure. In challenging economic times it was noteworthy that the Education and Children's Services related budgets were clearly healthy and well managed – and budgets that the Committee would continue to monitor.

There were no specific comments.

Social Services, Health & Housing POC – 25 January 2012

In noting the proposals, Members of the Committee thanked officers for the comprehensive report setting out the budget proposals for Adult Social Care, Health and Housing related services within the context of the corporate budgetary position. The Committee noted the ongoing challenge for Adult Social Care and Housing in managing budgets in the current economic climate.

The Committee endorsed the key priorities as set out in the report but expressed concern about pressures created by:

- The increasing number of dementia cases
 - The increase in transitional children due to demographic changes
 - The significant implications of an ageing population
 - Changes to Housing benefits
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