

BUDGET PROPOSALS 2013/14 – COMMENTS FROM POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEES

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REASON FOR ITEM

To consider the full set of Policy Overview Committee comments on Cabinet's budget proposals, their overall implications and to submit those comments to Cabinet.

OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE

That the Committee:

1. Consider the comments from the other Policy Overview Committees;
2. Seek clarification where necessary and;
3. Submit an agreed set of comments forward to the Cabinet for it to consider alongside this Policy Overview Committee's budget proposals.

INFORMATION

As part of the Constitution (Budget and Policy Framework Procedure), Policy Overview Committees have a role to review the Cabinet's draft budget proposals, which were set out at Cabinet on 20 December 2012.

At each Policy Overview Committee in January, consideration was given to reports which provided details of budget proposals relating to the remit of each Policy Overview Committee. Their comments are set out as below:-

Residents' & Environmental Services POC – 22 January 2013 (Residents Services Group)

"The Chairman of RESPOC is satisfied with the report and proposed figures. The Committee welcome the further investment for roads, the continued refurbishment of Hillingdon libraries, the re-modernisation of Ruislip Lido and the provision of grounds maintenance vehicles at West Drayton Boys Club.

The Committee looks forward to seeing the yet to be decided figures in connection with cemetery charges to bring them more into line with other authorities."

Education & Children's Services POC –16 January 2013 (Education Services Group & Children & Families Social Care Group)

Corporate Services & Partnerships Policy Overview Committee
6 February 2013

PART I – MEMBERS, PUBLIC & PRESS

“We note the various budget proposals and welcome the work of the Council in this demanding and complex area. We acknowledge the range of charges, costs and other emolument features. We welcome in particular the provision for the Leaving Care Grant and note other helpful financial provisions across the fiscal range in Education & Children’s Services. Additionally, we note the possible complexities impacting on funding for SEN children and acknowledge the work of professionals in this area.

We note the emerging success of the reconstituted Music Service in the Borough; and welcome the Multi-Treatment Fostering Care Service.”

Social Services, Health & Housing POC – 30 January 2013 (Social Services, Health & Housing Group)

“We note the various budget proposals and welcome the work of the Council in this demanding and complex area. We acknowledge the range of charges, costs and other emolument features. We congratulate officers on their market development work, in keeping costs down while monitoring quality and in particular, efforts with regard to residential placements particularly those out of Borough. Additionally, we note the successful redesign of services to help people live more independently in the community.

We also note and welcome the work being conducted by the Council to support people to live independently in their own homes”.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Relevant minute extracts from the POCs