

BUDGET PROPOSALS 2010/11 – COMMENTS FROM POCS

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REASON FOR ITEM

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

OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE

1. Consider the comments from the other Policy Overview Committees and to seek clarification where necessary and then to submit those comments to Cabinet.

INFORMATION

As part of the Constitution, Policy Overview Committees have a role to review the Cabinet's budget proposals, which were agreed at Cabinet on 17 December 2009.

At each Policy Overview Committee in January, consideration was given to reports which provided details of budget proposals relating to the remit of the Policy Overview Committee.

Residents' & Environmental Services POC – 19 January 2010

The POC asked that comments be submitted on the following proposed saving within Planning & Community Services –

“To reduce LDF Team by one post, through the mechanism of a team review of roles and responsibilities to ensure best fit for the requirements of delivering strategic planning”.

POC comment

That members noted the Budget Proposals Report and asked for their concerns at the part year saving by the reduction of 1 post from the Local Development Framework Team to be noted.

Corporate Services & Partnerships POC – 20 January 2010

The POC did not make any comments on the budget proposals relating to the services within their remit.

Corporate Services & Policy Overview Committee
10 February 2010
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Education & Children's Services POC – 27 January 2010

The POC asked that the following comments on the budget proposals relating to the service area within their remit, be considered.

POC comments

- 1. The Education and Children's Services Policy Overview Committee would like Cabinet to note that the Committee welcome the 0% increase of specific fees and charges in some schools in the Borough.*
- 2. The Committee would like to highlight their concerns over the significant issue of the availability of additional funding of the Asylum Service through the government's grant regime and hope the Cabinet note the Committee's concerns.*

The comment on the Asylum Service arose due to the budgetary pressure caused by the ongoing demand for the service and the continued under funding by the Government, and in respect of the moderation of the special circumstances grant for under 18s.

Social Services, Health & Housing POC – 28 January 2010

The POC did not make any comments on the budget proposals relating to the services within their remit.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Relevant minute extracts from the POCs