



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022/23

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

BUDGET CONSULTATION 2023-24 Phase 2

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the opportunity for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to respond and contribute to the Council's phase 2 2023-24 Budget Consultation
- 1.2 The report to Cabinet in respect of the 2023/24 local government settlement and the outcomes of the budget consultation phase 1 exercise which supported deliberations in formulating the revenue budget strategy for the financial year 2023/24 can be found [here](#) with the Decision notice [here](#)
- 1.3 Proposed revisions to Council fees and charges levels for the 2023/24 financial year also to be consulted on as part of phase 2 of the 2023/24 budget consultation process can also be found [here](#).

2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Provide feedback, as the Committee considers appropriate, to the Council's 2023-24 Budget Consultation
- 2.2 Authorise the Service Director Democratic Services and Communication to formulate a response on behalf of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to Council's Phase 2 Budget Consultation

3. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To afford the opportunity for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to provide its feedback on the 2023-24 Budget Consultation, as part of its role as a consultee in the process.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 4.1 Following a review of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny arrangements at the [Council's AGM in May 2022](#) The Overview and Scrutiny Committee's [Terms of Reference](#) were amended to include this Committee acting as the formal consultee of the Council's annual budget consultation process.

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

- 5.1 The 2023-24 Budget Consultation process aims to provide opportunities for all of the Council's stakeholders to get involved in giving their feedback, through a wide range of engagement methods.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 In line with the Terms of Reference of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Committee is a consultee as part of the Council's Budget Consultation process.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 7.1 There are no financial implications as a result of the recommendation set out in the report.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 8.1 The Council has a statutory duty to consult on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme each year and this requirement has been incorporated into the 23-24 Budget Consultation process.

9. LINKS TO CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT

- 9.1 The budget setting process impacts on all Council services and, in doing so, contributes to the delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan priorities.

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1 The 2023-24 Budget Consultation process provides opportunity for scrutiny to contribute and comment upon the Council's Phase 2 Budget consultation, in line with the Terms of Reference of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- 10.2 The feedback all stakeholders provide via the consultation process will be incorporated into a Budget Consultation Report to be considered by Cabinet as part of it developing a draft Revenue Budget Strategy, which will also then be pre-scrutinised by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in early 2023.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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25 JANUARY 2023

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