



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023-24

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

29 JANUARY 2024

BUDGET CONSULTATION 2024-25 (PHASE 2)

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND COMMUNICATION

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1. For Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to pre-scrutinise the draft 2024/25 Revenue Budget Strategy as part of the second phase of the Council's 2024-25 Budget Consultation.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1. Pre-scrutinise the draft 2024/25 Revenue Budget Strategy as part of phase 2 of the Council's 2024-25 Budget Consultation.
- 2.2. Request the Service Director for Democratic Services & Communications to provide Cabinet with the feedback of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To afford the opportunity for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to pre-scrutinise the draft 2024/25 Revenue Budget Strategy as part of phase 2 of the Council's 2024-25 Budget Consultation, and in line with the Committee's role as a consultee in the process.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Every year the Council undertakes a comprehensive approach to its annual budget consultation, providing a wide range of engagement methods for residents and stakeholders to take part in the process.

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- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 Cabinet, at its meeting on [23rd October 2023](#), agreed the Council's 2024/25 budget consultation arrangements. The first phase of the 2024-25 Budget Consultation process took place between 14 November and 19 December 2023, with the Overview and Scrutiny providing feedback as part of its 13 December 2023 meeting.

5. 2024-25 BUDGET CONSULTATION (PHASE 2)

- 5.1 At the Cabinet meeting on the 24th January 2024 the Cabinet Committee considered the report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Group Director of Finance, Digital and Frontline Services in respect of the draft 2024/25 Revenue Budget Strategy. '
- 5.2 As part of the recommendations of the Cabinet, Members, in line with the reported timetable of budget setting, [Resolved](#) to the undertaking of the second phase of the budget consultation process and to receive the feedback from this consultation in order to consider and determine the final budget strategy for submission to Council in March 2024.
- 5.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is requested to pre-scrutinise the draft 2024/25 Revenue Budget Strategy, as part of the second phase of the 2024-25 Budget Consultation process.
- 5.4 The PowerPoint presentation (as appended to this report) will be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as part of the phase 2 process.
- 5.5 For Members information, the Committee's feedback will be incorporated into a Budget Consultation report, alongside all other feedback received from stakeholders, for consideration by Cabinet as part of determining the final budget strategy for submission to Council,

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS/SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

- 6.1 The 2024-25 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.

7. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. There are no Welsh language implications arising from this report.

8. CONSULTATION/INVOLVEMENT

- 8.1. The role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in line with its Terms of Reference as a consultee of the Council's Budget Consultation process, will contribute to the quality and robustness of Cabinet decision-making.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 10.1. The report has been prepared in accordance with paragraph Part 4 of the Constitution (Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rules).

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

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

12. CONCLUSION

- 12.1. The 2024-25 Budget Consultation process affords opportunity for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to pre-scrutinise the draft 2024/25 Revenue Budget Strategy as part of phase 2 of the Council's Budget Consultation process, and in line with the Terms of Reference of the Committee.
- 12.2. 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 determining a final 2024/25 revenue budget strategy for submission to Council in March 2024.

URGENT ITEM

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

as amended by

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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