

# EDUCATION & CHILDREN SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2021

## FORTHCOMING ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022

Agenda Item	Background	Reason for report
Covid Recovery (inc. scrutiny liaison with schools) [schools to be invited to participate in the meeting]	Currently members of the Scrutiny Committee are unable to visit schools. Therefore, a principle of School Engagement Sessions has been agreed with members. For the meeting in January, a school will be invited to share information about how it is responding to the Covid Pandemic. This will be in the form of a presentation followed by a Q&A session.	To provide members with first-hand evidence of the impact of the pandemic, and how schools are focusing on pupils' wellbeing and key skills.
Budget Consultation	The objective of the report is to allow members to consider the corporate budget strategy for the financial years 2022/23 to 2024/25 to consider the service delivery impact and options for the forthcoming years.	To consider and comment on the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members consider and comment on the budget strategy proposals</li> <li>• Members consider and comment on the proposals for delivery of efficiency savings for their service area identified in Appendix A(i)</li> <li>• Members are also invited to bring forward any other proposals for efficiency savings</li> <li>• Members examine the Departmental Budgets</li> <li>• Members endorse the Charging Digests</li> </ul>
Departmental Business Plan	The full business plan includes a self-assessment of performance during 2021-22 and outlines the priorities for the department during 2022/23 – 2025 and how the Services support the delivery of the Corporate Strategy. The document also accompanies the Revenue Budget Consultation as an integration of financial and business planning (this was also a proposal for improvement by Audit Office).	To give members an opportunity to review the Department's draft business plan.

<b>Items circulated to the Committee under separate cover since the last meeting</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2021/22 (as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021)</li><li>• 2021/22 Quarter 2 - Performance Report (1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021)</li></ul>
<b>Items attached for information</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The latest version of the Education &amp; Children Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme 2021/22</li><li>2. The latest version of the Cabinet's Forward Work Programme 2021/22</li></ol>