

# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION

## Agenda Item 58

Brighton & Hove City Council

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Scrutiny of Directorate Budget Strategies</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>15 December 2009</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Director of Strategy &amp; Governance</b>		
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<b>Wards Affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

### FOR GENERAL RELEASE

#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 The report at Appendix A sets out latest budget information including the budget strategies for each service area as reported to 9 November Cabinet. The budget strategies cover financial and service pressures and savings proposals.

1.2 The report allows for the greater consideration by the Commission and the other scrutiny committees of the budget strategies than in previous years.

1.3 As agreed by OSC, each overview and scrutiny committee is being presented with the opportunity to scrutinise the budget proposals as they relate to their area of responsibility and to forward comments to the 26 January 2010 OSC before Cabinet considers the overall budget package in greater detail on 11 February 2010.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That the committee comments upon the draft budget strategies as appended; in particular those related to central services, equalities and sustainability elements of the budget strategy.

2.2 That 26 January 2010 Overview and Scrutiny Commission (OSC) receive comments from the O&S Committees relevant to their remits to be incorporated into a single scrutiny response to the budget.

#### 3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 The full timetable for the budget setting process is set out in the table below.

Item	Meeting	Date
Budget Strategy	Cabinet	9/12/09
Scrutiny of CT&E elements of the budget strategy	CTEOSC	14/12
OSC to consider the central services, equalities and sustainability elements of the budget strategy	OSC	15/12
Scrutiny of E&CS elements of the budget strategy	ECSOSC	18/12
Scrutiny to consider ASC&H elements of the budget strategy	ASCHOSC	21/12
Scrutiny to consider C&YPT elements of the budget strategy	CYPOSC	5/01/10
Council tax base	Cabinet	14/01
Summary scrutiny meeting taking comments from all committees and agreeing a scrutiny response to the budget. This will be tabled at Cabinet on the 11 <sup>th</sup> February.	OSC	26/01
Housing Revenue Account	HMCC	8/02
General Fund Revenue Budget and Council Tax	Cabinet	11/02
Housing Revenue Account	Cabinet	11/02
Capital Reserves and Capital Investment	Cabinet	11/02
Budget Council	Council	25/02

#### **4. CONSULTATION**

4.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken in regard to this report.

#### **5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

##### Financial Implications:

5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report, however members should take account of the financial implications in the appended report.

##### Legal Implications:

5.2 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report, however members should take account of the legal implications in the appended report.

##### Equalities Implications:

5.3 There are no equality implications arising directly from this report, however members should take account of the equality implications in the appended report.

##### Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 There are no sustainability implications arising directly from this report, however members should take account of the sustainability implications in the appended report.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 There are no crime and disorder implications arising directly from this report, however members should take account of the crime and disorder implications in the appended report.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 There are no risk and opportunity management implications arising directly from this report, however members should take account of the risk and opportunity management implications in the appended report.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 There are no corporate/citywide implications arising directly from this report, however members should take account of the corporate/citywide implications in the appended report.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Appendix A:**

1. 9 December Cabinet Paper – Budget Update and Directorate Budget Strategies including Appendices 1 and 2.

**Documents in Members' Rooms:**

There are none.

**Background Documents:**

There are none.

