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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

31 January 2013

BRIEFING NOTE: Reporting and Monitoring Working Group – Council Wide Draft Budget 2013-14

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Reporting and Monitoring Working Group met on 9 January to review the draft budget details and identify proposals that it considers merit closer scrutiny.

2 UPDATE

- 2.1 All the items in the revenue and capital budget proposals were discussed by the Overview and Scrutiny Reporting and Monitoring Working Group and the group agreed to put 4 priority items forward for closer scrutiny by the full Committee and identified on further item of interest if time allows.

- 2.2 The four items chosen for closer scrutiny are:

- Savings Arising from Changes to Terms and Conditions (General Fund)
- Savings from moving services into LGSS Conditions (General Fund)
- Raising sponsorship to offset cost of NBC events Conditions (General Fund)
- Dealing with Welfare Reform and the Impact on Rent Income Collection Conditions (General Fund)(HRA)

- 2.3 If time allows, it was suggested that the option 'End support to Groundworks scheme' (General Fund) might also be scrutinised more closely.

- 2.4 Cabinet Members and Officers have been asked to attend this meeting to support the scrutiny of these proposals.

- 2.4 Comments raised by Overview and Scrutiny will form part of the Cabinet considerations for agreeing the final budget proposals to Council and will be provided to Council as an appendix to the Cabinet report so that they can also be taken into account in approving a final budget.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agree comments to be included as an appendix to the Cabinet report and for consideration by Cabinet in agreeing a final budget proposal.

4. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 4.1 Budget Consultation (NBC internet)