



BUDGET SCRUTINY PANEL

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To: Councillors Draycott, Gerrard, Miah (Chair), Parsons and Seaton (For attention)

All other members of the Council
(For information)

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Budget Scrutiny Panel to be held in Committee Room 2 - Council Offices on Wednesday, 12th December 2018 at 6.00 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields
Loughborough

4th December 2018

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES
 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 4 - 8
- The Panel is asked to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2018.
3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND PERSONAL INTERESTS
 4. DECLARATIONS - THE PARTY WHIP

5. QUESTIONS UNDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE PROCEDURE 11.17

No questions were submitted.

6. DRAFT GENERAL FUND AND HRA BUDGETS 2019/20

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To consider the Draft General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budgets 2019/20 report that is due to be considered by the Cabinet on 13th December 2018 and which is attached.

In preparing for this meeting, members of the Panel identified that the following issues should be considered at the meeting and the attendance of the listed Cabinet Lead Members and officers has been requested:

| Issue | Relevant Cabinet Lead Member and Officers |
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| Use of reserves | Councillor Barkley Strategic Director of Corporate Services |
| Impact of reductions in County Council services on Borough Council's budget | Councillor Barkley Strategic Director of Corporate Services |
| HRA budget including conclusion of the decent homes contract | Councillor Harper-Davies Councillor Mercer Strategic Director of Housing, Planning & Regeneration and Regulatory Services Head of Landlord Services |
| Garden waste bin charges | Councillor Harper-Davies Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces |

7. FURTHER MEETINGS OF THE PANEL 2018/19

Further meetings of the Panel in 2018/19 have been scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 6.00pm – to consider the Panel's draft report.

8. EXEMPT INFORMATION

To enable the Panel to exclude members of the public and consider any exempt information where the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, if required.

SCRUTINY QUESTIONS

What topics to choose?

- What difference will scrutiny make?
- Is this an area of concern – public/performance/risk register?
- Is this a corporate priority?
- Could scrutiny lead to improvements?
- What are the alternatives to pre-decision scrutiny?

Pre-decision scrutiny

- What is Cabinet being asked to agree?
- Why?
- How does this relate to the overall objective? Which is ...?
- What risks have been identified and how are they being addressed?
- What are the financial implications?

- What other options have been considered?
- Who has been consulted and what were the results?
- Will the decision Cabinet is being asked to take affect other policies, practices etc.?

Basic Questions

- Why are you/we doing this?
- Why are you/we doing it in this way?
- How do you/we know you are making a difference?
- How are priorities and targets set?
- How do you/we compare?
- What examples of good practice exist elsewhere?