



BUDGET SCRUTINY PANEL

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To: Councillors Parsons (Chair), Baines, Bolton and Miah (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 Preston Room - Woodgate Chambers on Wednesday, 4th December 2019 at 6.00 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields
Loughborough

26th November 2019

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES
2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 4 - 11
To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting.
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. IMPACT OF REVISED MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY ON BUDGET 12 - 13

A report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Services setting out the impact of revisions to Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020-2023 on the draft budget.

7. DRAFT GENERAL FUND AND HRA BUDGET 2020/21

A report of the Head of Finance and Property Services setting out the draft General Fund and HRA Budget 2020/21, to be considered by Cabinet on 16th December 2019, for scrutiny by the Panel. **To Follow.**

Having undertaken scrutiny of this matter, the Panel will need to identify any observations or recommendations that it wishes be included in its draft report.

8. DRAFT CAPITAL PLAN 2020/21 TO 2022/23

A report of the Head of Finance and Property Services setting out the draft Capital Plan 2020/21 to 2022/23, to be considered by Cabinet on 16th December 2019, for scrutiny by the Panel. **To Follow.**

Having undertaken scrutiny of this matter, the Panel will need to identify any observations or recommendations that it wishes be included in its draft report.

9. FURTHER MEETING OF THE PANEL

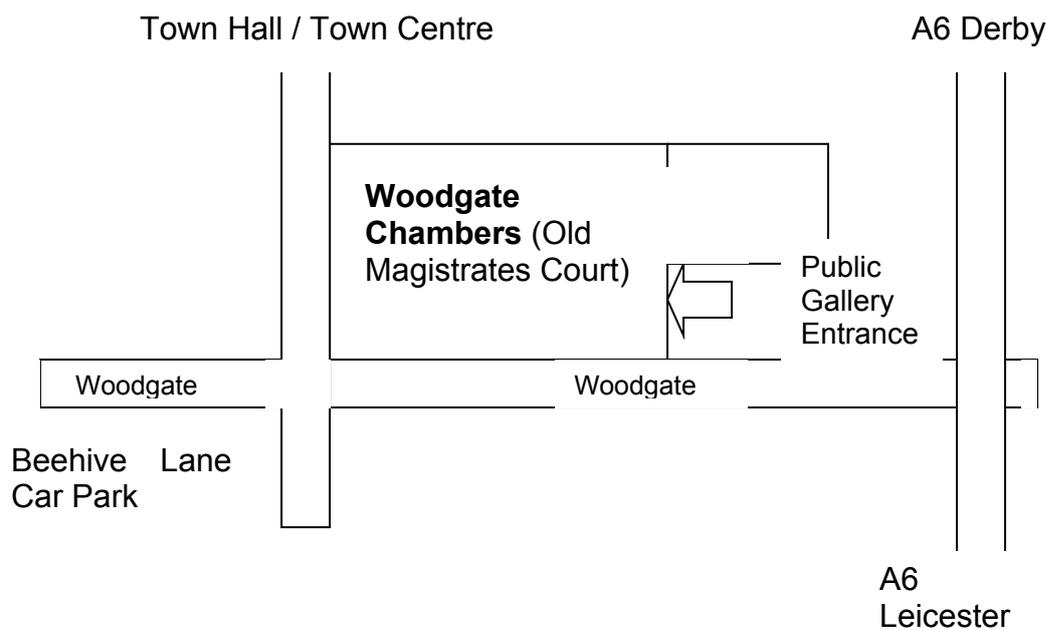
For information, a further meeting of the Panel has been scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, 8th January 2020 at 6.00pm (to agree the Panel's report).

The Panel's report is scheduled for consideration by the Scrutiny Commission on 13th January 2020. The Commission will be requested to recommend the report to Cabinet at its meeting on 13th February 2020.

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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?