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**Meeting:** Executive  
**Date:** 7 December 2010  
**Subject:** **Response from Overview & Scrutiny to the Savings Proposals Contained within the Corporate Budget Strategy**  
**Report of:** **The Chairmen of the Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committees**  
**Summary:** The report invites the Executive to respond to the comments made by the Council's four Overview & Scrutiny Committees during their examination of the savings proposals outlined in the Executive's Corporate Budget Strategy report.

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**Advising Officer:** Ian Porter, Assistant Director of Strategy & Performance  
**Contact Officer:** Bernard Carter, Overview & Scrutiny Manager  
**Public/Exempt:** Public  
**Wards Affected:** All  
**Function of:** Executive  
**Key Decision** No  
**Reason for urgency/ exemption from call-in (if appropriate)** n/a

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Council Priorities:**

The report sets out comments designed to help the Council respond to the financial challenges facing the public sector as a whole but, at the same time, enable it to deliver on its priorities.

### **Financial:**

n/a

### **Legal:**

n/a

### **Risk Management:**

n/a

### **Staffing (including Trades Unions):**

n/a

**Equalities/Human Rights:**

n/a

**Community Safety:**

n/a

**Sustainability:**

n/a

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. that the Executive considers and responds to the comments and recommendations of Overview & Scrutiny regarding the savings proposals contained within the Corporate Budget Strategy report, as set out in Appendices A to D of this report**

<i>Reason for Recommendation(s):</i>	<i>So that the Executive can take account of the comments and recommendations made by Overview &amp; Scrutiny before it makes final recommendations to Council regarding the savings proposals outlined within its Corporate Budget Strategy report.</i>
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1. As Members will be aware, at its meeting of 2 November 2010, the Executive considered the report of its Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance & People regarding the Council's Corporate Budget Strategy. The report set out the Council's response to the Coalition Government's emerging policies and put forward proposals for managing expenditure to address the expected funding reductions.
2. The Executive endorsed the strategic response, proposed outcomes and direction of travel contained within the report and noted the efficiency proposals outlined in Appendix A. It also invited Overview & Scrutiny to comment on the service reconfiguration and reduction savings proposals detailed in Appendix B (as amended).
3. This report captures those comments and associated recommendations (at appendices A to D), all of which were made and agreed during the November cycle of Overview & Scrutiny Committee meetings.
4. The Executive is therefore invited to consider and respond to these comments and recommendations before making final recommendations to Council regarding the savings proposed.

**Appendices:**

Appendix A – Customer & Central Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee Comments

Appendix B – Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee Comments

Appendix C – Social Care, Health & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee Comments

Appendix C – Children’s Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee Comments

**Background Papers:** (open to public inspection)

Corporate Budget Strategy report presented to Executive at its meeting on 2 November 2010

**Location of papers:** Priory House, Chicksands