

Subject: Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee comments on the draft Budget 2013/14, Medium Term Financial Plan 2013-17 and Capital Programme 2013/14 to 2016/17

Summary: This briefing provides Members with the comments of the Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) during their consideration of the above reports on 29 January 2013.

1. The Assistant Director for Business & Performance introduced the report, which provided the Committee with an opportunity to comment upon the draft budget 2013/14, Medium Term Financial Plan 2013 to 2017 and Capital Programme 2013/14 to 2016/17, which had been presented and approved for consultation at a meeting of the Executive on 8 January 2013.
2. Members of the Committee discussed the content of the report and raised a number of specific queries, all of which were addressed by the Executive Member and officers in attendance. The Committee recognised that the efficiency programme was generally a continuation of the themes from the last three years.

RECOMMENDATION:

that the Committee notes the pressures and efficiencies detailed in the report and endorses the Draft Budget 2013/14, Medium Term Financial Plan 2013-17 and the Capital Programme 2013/14 to 2016/17 as set out.

Subject: Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee comments on Fees and Charges 2013/14

Summary: This briefing provides Members with the comments of the Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) during their consideration of the above report on 29 January 2013.

1. The Assistant Director for Business & Performance introduced the report, which provided the Committee with an opportunity to comment upon the fees and charges schedule for the Social Care, Health and Housing directorate for 2013/14, which had been presented and approved for consultation at a meeting of the Executive on 8 January 2013.
2. Members noted that the charges included in the report had been increased by 2% in line with the Council's budget strategy although in some cases the Council had used the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) statutory increase in benefits and pensions.

RECOMMENDATION:

that the schedule of Fees and Charges for 2013/14 for Social Care, Health and Housing be endorsed as set out.