



Overview and Scrutiny 3

(Improvement, Performance and Finance)

26 January 2009

General Fund Revenue Budget 2009-12

1 Purpose

- 1.1 At its meeting on 18 December 2008 the Overview and Scrutiny 3 Task and Finish Reporting and Monitoring reviewed the 2009/10 general fund revenue budget proposals.
- 1.2 At that meeting the group recommended that Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3 consider some specific items (attached at annex A) and make recommendations to Cabinet on these if there are any points the Committee wishes to raise.

2 Issues and Choices

- 2.1 Following discussions in Overview and Scrutiny 3 Reporting and Monitoring Task and Finish Group earlier in the financial year, a different approach is being taken in relation to the budget consultation with Overview and Scrutiny Committees this year.
- 2.2 In order to avoid three committees essentially doing the same piece of work, the Reporting and Monitoring Task and Finish Group have reviewed the whole of the proposed budget and referred specific proposals to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The items referred to Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3 are attached at annex A.
- 2.3 Service Managers responsible for the areas referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee have been invited so that they can provide answers to any questions the Committee members may have.
- 2.4 The Committee are invited to consider the proposals referred to them by the Task and Finish Group and to make constructive recommendations to Cabinet, should they wish. These recommendations will form part of an annex of the Cabinet Budget report in February 2009.
- 2.5 Among the items that have been referred to Overview and Scrutiny Committee 3, there were some specific issues that the Task and Finish Group wanted to invite the Committee to consider:
 - 2.5.1 Mobile Phones – Could the saving be greater?
 - 2.5.2 Scrutiny – What impact might this have?

3 Background Papers

- 3.1 Cabinet 22 December 2008 – Council Wide General Fund Revenue Budget 2009-12.