



**Resources and Public Realm
Scrutiny Committee**
12 September 2019

**Report from the Assistant Chief
Executive**

Establishment of Scrutiny Task Group on Budget Scrutiny

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Non Key
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Open
No. of Appendices:	Appendix 1 - Budget Scrutiny: Task Group Scoping Paper
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Committee to establish a Scrutiny Task and Finish Group, in accordance with Part 4 paragraph 5 of the Council Constitution.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That a Budget Scrutiny Task Group be established with the following members:

Cllr Matt Kelcher, Chair
Cllr Ketan Sheth
Cllr Neil Nerva
Cllr Anita Thakkar
Cllr Reg Colwill

And with the following terms of reference:

1. *"To consider the Council's in year budget performance against outturn expenditure for 2019-2020"*

2. *To identify and consider the key budget pressures and strategic financial issues for the Council and how these are being managed.*
3. *To consider the draft budget proposals for 2020-2021, including the main areas of proposed growth and savings, key budgetary risks and the extent to which the budget proposals reflect the Council's priorities outlines in the Borough Plan".*

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee is considering proposals to establish a Scrutiny Task Group to consider the Council's budget performance and Budget proposals for 2020-2021.
- 3.2 It is anticipated that the Task Group will convene between October 2019 to January 2020 to receive oral and written evidence and report back to the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee at it's meeting on Wednesday 29 January 2020 with a report and recommendations to the Council and Cabinet.
- 3.3 It is anticipated that the Scrutiny Task Group will be made up of four to five members from the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee and the Resources and Public Realm Scrutiny Committee and that a Member of the Main Opposition Group on the Council will be invited to join.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications for the purposes of this report.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications for the purposes of this report.

6.0 Equality Implications

- 6.1 There are no equality implications for the purposes of this report.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

- 7.1 The Scrutiny Task Group may consider any consultation being undertaken as part of the Council's budget setting process.

8.0 Human Resources/Property Implications (if appropriate)

- 8.1 There are no Human Resources/property implications for the purposes of this report.

Report sign off:

PETER GADSDON,
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