

Dear Scrutiny Committee Members,

Please note response to queries raised below. Apologies for the delay.

1. Scrutiny Budget Task group added to the budget process timetable
2. Under section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 it is the responsibility of the Chief Finance Officer (S151) to report on the adequacy of reserves. In relatively recent history, auditing the 2010-11 accounts, External Audit did raise concerns about the level of general reserves. In response, the section 151 officer at the time committed to raising the level of general reserves from £7.5m to £12m, at which level they remain.

Kind Regards
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